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Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro gives a thumb up in the direction of reporters at the arrival gate of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport around 12:25am Sunday. Upon his arrival, Ogumoro was handed a DPS termination letter in a private room at the airport.

## Ogumoro fired from DPS; now under house arrest

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As soon as he arrived at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at past 12am Sunday from an official trip to inspect rescue boats in Canada, Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro was handed a termination letter effective March 24. This comes at a time when Gov. Eloy S. Inos is reviewing whether to remove or retain certain deputy commissioner or deputy secretary posts.

Since his return, Ogumoro has been placed under house arrest. His counsel, Douglas Cushnie, received last week the penal summons for him in connection with shielding former attorney general and now fugitive from justice Edward Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August 2012.

He is required to appear in court today. Ogumoro, former governor Benigno

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## Another criminal case filed vs Ayuyu

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The U.S. government filed Friday another criminal case against Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (R-Rota) over an incident in January in



Ayuyu

which he was allegedly found in possession of a cell phone while detained at the Department of Corrections in Susupe.

The information charged the 48-year-old Ayuyu with one count

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## 1 killed, 1 hurt in fatal car crash

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Transportation Security Administration security officer Naomi Therese DeLeon Guerrero Benjamin was killed while her boyfriend sustained serious injuries when the car they were on slammed into a

➤ **Investigators: Alcohol and speed were factors**

power pole then overturned in the parking lot of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Oleai early Saturday morning.

Firefighters and medics had to use the "Jaws of Life" tool to extricate the victims who were trapped inside the mangled yellow Hyundai Genesis, ac-



Benjamin

Police officers stand beside the overturned Hyundai Genesis that swerved and slammed into a power pole in the parking lot of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Susupe early Saturday morning. The driver suffered serious injuries while the passenger, Naomi Therese DeLeon Guerrero Benjamin, died due to massive head injuries.

cording to Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. Blas confirmed that alcohol and speed were factors in the crash.

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## HANMI adds go kart racing to its signature events

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Go kart racing will be at its finest on Saipan next month with the staging of the inaugural Budweiser Go Kart Championship.

The race, organized by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, is slated for April 6, Saturday, at the Mariana Seaside Circuit of Mariana Resort & Spa.

Set to become an add-on to HANMI's signature events, the inaugural Budweiser Go Kart Championship is open to go kart aficionados who can form a team of four individuals, with at least one male or female member.

Registration fee, inclusive of four event shirts, is \$250 per

team. Opening ceremony is at 10am, while the race begins at 10:30am. There is no age limit, and participants are required to submit a copy of their valid driver's license. Racers who are under 18 and don't have a license must have consent forms signed by their parents or guardians.

Prizes at stake are \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

The race, the first since the Mariana Seaside Circuit last hosted a similar event 14 years ago, is intended to attract both local and visiting kart racers, said Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cruz Cavanagh.

Cavanagh said the Mariana Seaside Circuit is the only kart

race track in the Marianas, possibly in the entire Micronesia, so an event as big as the 1st Budweiser Go Kart Championship would attract enthusiasts in neighboring islands.

Mariana Seaside Circuit, which opened to the public in April 1998, features 18 turns or corners accessible via any of the 16 karts available plus head gear. Cavanagh noted that no racers will be allowed to bring their own karts.

"We're very excited to host what would become an annual event for HANMI. The group wanted to do something new this year, and we're happy to host them in this upcoming race," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cavanagh encourages kart

race enthusiasts to register early because 14 teams have already registered for the event and they could only accommodate 25 teams. Deadline for registration is March 29 or until all available slots are filled.

She said each participating team will be given two practice rounds at the race course: any day before the event, and on the day of the event starting at 8am.

Cavanagh assured that the safety of participating teams is important, so a medical team will be on standby.

### BBQ competition & raffle

Besides the actual race, next month's event will also feature the 1st Angus Beef BBQ Sandwich Contest.

Cavanagh said the contest is

open to individual cooks, both amateurs and professionals, who will be asked to prepare the most delicious BBQ sandwich made of Certified Angus Beef donated by Triple J. Seasonings and other ingredients must be provided by the contestants.

Winners for the cooking challenge will win \$200 for first place, \$100 second place, and \$50 third place.

Cavanagh said there will be food booths at the whole-day event and that slots are still open for vendors who want to sell food at the event.

Another highlight is the raffle draw, which will give away prizes donated by HANMI members and supporters, including the grand prize of a round trip ticket to any U.S. destination from Delta Air Lines.

Raffle tickets are priced at \$1 each and will be drawn right before the last race, said Cavanagh.

The event is open not only to the local community but also island visitors, as Tasi Tours has agreed to provide transportation services by picking up tourists at major hotels according to a schedule that will be posted in hotel lobbies.

"We invite everyone to come and join us at the inaugural Budweiser Go Kart Championship on April 6. It's going to be a fun and exciting event that you shouldn't miss," said Cavanagh.

The event is sponsored by Budweiser, HANMI, Delta Air Lines, Mobil, DFS Galleria, Triple J, Certified Angus Beef, Coca-Cola, Foremost, Japan Saipan Travel Association, and Tasi Tours.

To register or more information, call Lito Parulan at 989-1956, Mamoru Watanabe at 287-7143, William Retardo at 989-0782, or Mariana Resort & Spa at 322-0770.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Mariana Seaside Circuit, which opened to the public in April 1998, features 18 turns or corners.

## Mariana Resort & Spa is adding a new restaurant

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Mariana Resort & Spa is adding a new restaurant to replace its Gekka Bar.

General manager Gloria Cruz Cavanagh said the new dining place will be a Teppanyaki-style restaurant that will give their guests more options.

At present, Mariana Resort & Spa only has 12th Night Restaurant.

While the management has yet to finalize a name for the restaurant, Cavanagh revealed that they are shooting for a May 1 soft opening in time for the Golden Week, the busiest tour-

ism period for the Marianas.

Cavanagh said the new restaurant is part of the ongoing renovation work at the hotel. The ongoing work includes the lobby, which will be repainted and will feature new furniture and fixtures, including a 60-inch flat screen television.

Cavanagh disclosed that they recently completed giving six of their 50 cottages a makeover. Besides the cottages, the hotel has 74 rooms.

Mariana Resort & Spa, a member of the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands, is a tropical resort that sits atop a 1,653-hectare property and features several faci-

ties, including a baseball field, a 50-meter pool, wedding chapel, driving range, golf course, and Mandi Asia Spa. The hotel also offers sports activities through the Marianas Trekking company.

According to Cavanagh, Mariana Resort & Spa is enjoying a spike in their hotel occupancy given the additional charter flights for different tourist markets, which are expected to increase by the end of the month. Last month, they had a record breaking 96 percent occupancy rate.

She said their clientele base is a mixture of travelers from China, Korea, and Russia, the majority being composed by tourists from Japan.



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### Sora Tabi Girls & Madams Festa

**S**ora Tabi Girls and Madams Festa, a travel information event, was joined by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) on Feb. 12, 2013, at Hotel Metropolitan Sendai.

Approximately 500 women attended the event, which consisted of presentations on two stages by representatives from seven national tourist offices: the MVA, Korea Tourism Organization, Hong Kong Tourism Board, China National Tourist Office, Taiwan Tourism Bureau, Tourism Authority of Thailand, and Guam Visitors Bureau. It event also featured 14 exhibition booths for national tourist offices, airlines and travel agencies.

On stage, the MVA delivered Power-Point presentations, one for "madams" during the daytime session and another targeting younger women during the evening session. Participants were also able to ask questions and get more information about Saipan, Tinian and Rota at the MVA booth, where brochures and Saipan-da! stickers were also distributed to participants.



## Local

# Evaluation panel grills CEO Babauta for six hours

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board grilled chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta in a six-hour closed-door meeting last Friday as part of the process to determine whether his contract with the corporation will be renewed or not.

According to board chair Pedro Dela Cruz, the interview with Babauta will continue tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon.

The board began the one-on-one interview with Babauta at 1:30pm Friday and it ended around 7:30pm.

It was earlier disclosed that seven ranking executives of the corporation were called one by one by the committee on Wednesday for an interview.

Saipan Tribune learned these officials included COO/CFO Esther Muña, director for Medical Affairs Dr. Sherlene Osman, hospital director Karen Buettner, nursing director Leticia Reyes, chief of medical staff Dr. Gregory Kotheimer, human resource acting manager Tina

Santos, and DMA for public health Dr. Daniel Lamar.

Panel members disclosed that all were given a standard set of questions relating to Babauta's performance. The interviewees' responses were described by board members as candid with specifics.

The board was supposed to take action on Babauta's employment at the corporation last Friday, but this was halted following some delays in the process.

Based on the new timeline of the evaluation committee, a decision on the CEO's employment is expected on Thursday, March 21, when the board resumes its meeting. This is highly dependent on the committee report to be completed after the continuation of Babauta's interview on Tuesday, March 19.

"On March 21, the subcommittee will compile all reports and present to the CHCC board of trustees a committee report encompassing its findings," stated the committee's timetable.

Besides the interviews, the panel will also consider the re-

sult of the employees' survey it conducted.

As of Friday, panel chair Pete Dela Cruz and members Anthony Raho and Anthony Aguon confirmed that more than half of the corporation's personnel from Saipan and Rota participated in the survey, totaling 217 as of Friday.

Dela Cruz said the survey from Tinian came a little bit late Friday morning. He said Tinian Health Center resident director William Cing personally oversaw the survey process at the center. The center has a total of 31 personnel onboard.

As of last night, these survey

forms from THC have yet to be officially opened and compiled by the committee. However, Dela Cruz said the whole process is expected to be completed before the Thursday meeting.

Based on records, the corporation has a little over 500 employees.

## Employees' survey

According to Dela Cruz and Aguon, the results of the employees' survey will represent only a small portion of the criteria set by the evaluation panel.

The bulk of the ratings will come from the CEO interview and self-evaluation, which ac-

counts for 60 percent of the criteria, while the results of the corporate officers' evaluations will account for 30 percent. The remaining 30 percent, they said, is for the employees' survey.

"Our goal is to keep the whole process as objective as possible. This is why we established some timelines for each [process]," Aguon told Saipan Tribune, commending fellow trustees for finally pursuing the CEO evaluation which he has been pushing for since October last year.

Meantime, Dela Cruz described as "very sensitive" the issue about the CEO evaluation and assured that the

board will provide Babauta the opportunity to respond to the process.

Babauta's \$96,000 employment contract, which will expire in July this year, is at risk following revelations of the board's dissatisfaction with his performance. Babauta was appointed as corporation CEO during the time of former governor Benigno R. Sablan.

According to the board, any decision on Babauta's employment at the hospital will ultimately depend on the decision of Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who may concur or reject the board's decision.

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# New US military training plans for Tinian, Pagan

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The U.S. Department of Defense published on Thursday (Friday CNMI time) its new proposals to establish a series of live-fire and maneuver ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan, two months after the release of a study showing insufficient training facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI.

Defense's notice of intent to prepare the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Over-

seas Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register on March 14.

It says the expansion of these training areas and construction of new ones will satisfy identified training deficiencies for the U.S. Pacific Command forces that are based in or regularly train in the CNMI.

"These RTAs [ranges and training areas] will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule. These RTAs are needed to support ongoing operational requirements, changes to U.S. forces

structure and geographic positioning of forces, and U.S. training relationships with allied nations," the notice said.

A January 2013 requirements and siting study identified 42 unfilled training requirements.

Neither Tinian nor Pagan can support all identified training requirements alone; however, in combination they present a variety of preliminary alternative ranges and training area configurations.

Around the same time the DoD issued the notice, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. John M. Paxton, along with other

military officials, visited Tinian Friday afternoon.

Paxton, the assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and his support staff from the Pentagon, Marine Forces Pacific-Hawaii and Marine Forces Forward-Guam, arrived at 12:30pm at West Field Airport for a "windshield tour" of Tinian, the Tinian mayor's chief of staff Don Farrell said.

After a quick lunch, the group quickly inspected the Tinian Harbor, then drove north to Able Runway, the bomb pits, Chulu, Mt. Lasso, 107<sup>th</sup> and back to the airport, Tinian officials said.

Accompanying Paxton were USMC Col. Lawrence S. Loch; USMC Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy; USMC William R. Constantini, spe-

cial assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff; and retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Craig Waldon, executive director of Marine Forces Pacific, said Farrell.

Farrell said Waldon will be back to the CNMI for the public scoping meetings on the newly-published notice of intent to proceed with the Marines' new plan for the use of Tinian and Pagan.

Three public scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian have been scheduled. The first one will be on April 10 from 5pm to 8pm in the cafeteria of Dandan Elementary School. This will be followed on April 11 from 4pm to 7pm at Tinian Gym. The third one will be on April 12 from 5pm to 8pm at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

## Manglona orders status conference in Capt. Ogumoro's lawsuit

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered a status conference for the lawsuit filed by police Capt. Aniceto Ogumoro in 2008 against then acting Department of Public Safety commissioner Juan I. Wabol and other police officers.

In her order issued on Friday, Manglona directed Ogumoro and other parties in the lawsuit to discuss the status of the case on Wednesday, March 20, at 3:30pm.

The judge earlier ordered Ogumoro to show cause why the lawsuit should not be dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute.

Manglona said the case has been

pending for over four years without any activity on the docket.

Manglona gave the police captain until last Wednesday, March 13, to respond to her order to show cause.

Manglona said that Ogumoro responded, asking the court not to dismiss the case.

In Ogumoro's response, deputy attorney general Viola Alepuyo disclosed a yet-to-be fulfilled final item in the settlement agreement that the CNMI government entered into: the promotion of Ogumoro to the rank of major.

In her declaration filed in court, Alepuyo said that she represented Ogumoro in the lawsuit when she was still in private practice.

Alepuyo said that Ogumoro is actively seeking a private attorney who will take over the case from her.

Alepuyo asked the court to give Ogumoro more time to find another attorney who can represent him so he could pursue the last remaining item in the parties' settlement agreement.

In his lawsuit, Ogumoro, through counsel Alepuyo, claimed that his arrest in 2006 was based on trumped up charges and was a conspiracy among then acting DPS commissioner Wabol and other police officers.

Ogumoro was the acting police director when police officers arrested him on Feb. 11, 2006, after they raided his house on Capital Hill and reportedly recovered three rifles and 25 boxes of ammunition.

The Office of the Attorney General later moved to dismiss the case after the Superior Court suppressed all the evidence seized in the raid.

## OGUMORO

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R. Fitial and three other DPS police/ports police officers, have been charged with conspiracy to prevent Buckingham from being served a penal summons in connection with election law violations and signing of a sole-source contract, among other charges.

When Delta Flight 286 landed shortly after 12am, DPS Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero and other police officers, including those from the Tactical Response Enforcement Team and Internal Affairs, went inside the airport to meet with Ogumoro in one of the private rooms and handed him his termination letter from DPS.

Ogumoro reportedly turned in his government car key and mobile phone. He didn't have a firearm so there was no need to follow him home for it.

He emerged from the airport's arrival area around 12:25am, clad in black shirt and brown pants and with one bag in tow.

He gave a "thumb up" in the direction of reporters waiting for him and said "no comment."

When asked to confirm receiving penal summons, he said "no comment" once again.

He did not respond when asked whether he would challenge his termination.

Ogumoro proceeded in the direction of the departure area where, seven months ago, he led the "escort" team for the Buckinghams.

He did not respond when asked whether DPS would get the boat that he was supposed to inspect in Canada to see whether it complies with requirements. He, however, stopped walking, turned around and went back to the area to the arrival area where a white car was waiting for him.

Young family members helped him with his luggage and when he walked toward the driver's side, the woman seated there said she will be driving. Ogumoro proceeded to the front passenger side and the car left the airport.

Ogumoro, along with Fitial, was pointed by police officers as among those who ordered them not to help the Office of the Public Auditor in serving the penal summons against Buckingham back in August.

He also ordered police and ports police officers to ensure the media wouldn't be able to come close to the Buckinghams at the airport at the time.

His brother, former DPS Police chief Aniceto Ogumoro, was moved to Boating Safety. The former governor alternately designated the Ogumoro brothers as acting DPS commissioner. An impeachment resolution against

Fitial included his failure to appoint a DPS commissioner for Senate consideration.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked yesterday whether the governor was consulted by DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero before terminating Ogumoro, said that Inos—as discussed in his first Cabinet meeting on Feb. 21—gave department heads the discretion to make decisions they believe is necessary for the operations of their respective departments or agencies.

"Administrative and personnel decisions are within the purview of the department head; in this case, the commissioner," Demapan said.

Inos, during an interview with reporters on Friday morning, said his administration is reviewing the need for deputy commissioners or deputy secretaries.

Demapan reiterated this yesterday, adding that the governor will have to meet the DPS commissioner "to discuss the commissioner's plans for the Department of Public Safety, including the issue of having a deputy commissioner or not."

The press secretary added that the governor "is cognizant that these issues are within the jurisdiction of the court-appointed special prosecutor," referring to the penal summons/arrest warrants issued for Ogumoro and other law enforcement officers involved in the Buckingham escort.

"Nonetheless, the administration has every confidence in the Commonwealth's justice system. Obviously, there are hosts of allegations and charges lodged, but the judicial process must take its course in order to prove any citizen's guilt or innocence," Demapan added.

House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), when asked for comment, said he believes the impeachment proceedings against Fitial, who was impeached on 18 charges of corruption, neglect of duty, and felony "had a lot to do" with the series of arrests and issuance of penal summons for those involved.

"I believe this is still going forward since penal summons was served. So I believe that with or without the impeachment, this would still happen. OPA has been relentless and aggressive in pursuing this matter and will continue until this case is adjudicated by the court," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fitial resigned on Feb. 20, days before the supposed March 7 start of his impeachment trial at the Senate. He left Saipan in the early morning hours of Feb. 21 and has not returned since then. A penal summons was issued for him two weeks ago.



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to our loving father and grandfather Abel R. Valenzuela and many more blessed years to come! We love you! Greetings come from your children, grandchildren, and most especially your lovely family from Portland, Oregon (Joey, Kate, and kids)!  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



To Joseph Jucutan—the man who gave life to me and my siblings, provided for us, cared for us, taught us right from wrong, who supported us and who dealt with us through ups and downs—it is that time of the year when you turn one year older and one year wiser. I love you and miss you dearly. All the way from North Carolina, Czarina and Jeremy.  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## AYUYU

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of possessing a phone in a federal correctional or detention facility.

According to the charging document filed by assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe, Ayuyu was "found to be in possession of a phone or other device used by a user of commercial service" on Jan. 15, 2013, while in prison.

Ayuyu is facing criminal charges in two other indictments over an alleged conspiracy to smuggle eight dead Mariana fruit bats from Rota to Saipan in October 2010, concealing the fruit bats inside a cardboard box beneath 40 lbs of lemons. A joint jury trial in the two cases will be on April 1, 2013.

Ayuyu has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012.

Last Feb. 26, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied Ayuyu's third motion for a pre-trial release on a \$20,000 cash bail and property.

Manglona ruled that the U.S. government has met the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence to continue detaining Ayuyu pending his trial.

Manglona cited the need to keep Ayuyu detained to ensure the safety of individuals who are possible witnesses in the case.

The judge stated that she has additional information about the cell phone that was found in Ayuyu's possession while being detained at DOC. This additional information, the judge noted,

occurred after the court denied Ayuyu's request for pretrial release.

Manglona said the documents that the prosecution submitted and she reviewed consist of a memorandum prepared by two DOC officers regarding the incident when Ayuyu was caught in possession of a cell phone while in jail.

The incident, the judge pointed out, is a concern whether the defendant will obey court orders if granted pre-trial release.

After the Feb. 26 hearing, defense attorney Joaquin Torres told reporters that it is very difficult for him to go to DOC every day to talk with Ayuyu in preparing for the trial.

Torres said that Ayuyu was not aware that it was illegal to keep a cell phone at DOC.

## CAR CRASH

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pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center at 2:43am due to massive head injuries. She used to be an assistant program manager for the CNMI Cancer Association.

The driver, Joseph Berki, 22, is currently in the intensive care unit of CHC for back, neck, and internal injuries. He was last reported in stable condition.

According to Blas, initial investigation showed that the car was heading south on Beach Road when the driver

lost control, causing the vehicle to swerve into the parking lot of the Ada Gym and then slam into a power pole. The strong impact caused the car to overturn. The pole was also toppled.

The distance from where the car first entered the parking lot and the place where it eventually turned turtle was about 300 to 400 feet.

Blas said that DPS received a call about the accident at 2am. Police officers, firefighters, and medics immediately responded to the scene.

Blas said that Benjamin was wearing a seatbelt, but it was not clear yet whether the driver had one on.

Blas said that personnel from the Division of Environmental Quality were also asked to respond as fuel and other liquid debris were seeping out from the vehicle.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew also came because the toppled pole triggered a temporary power outage in the San Jose area for several hours.

Family members remember Benjamin as fun to be with, energetic, and a loving person.

A nightly rosary is being held at 7pm at Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa. The family will soon announce the date of funeral service.

# Inos merges EMO, Homeland Security

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law Friday afternoon a bill merging the Emergency Management Office and the Office of Homeland Security to reduce redundancy and improve efficiency in government, just some three hours after the Senate passed the House bill during a session on Rota.

Inos also signed Friday morning a measure that strengthens laws against sex crimes and domestic violence.

The governor signed Rep. Edmund Villagomez's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-3—the first bill passed by the 18th Legislature—into Public Law 18-3.

“We have received comments from few agencies expressing concerns with some of the issues in the bill but we believe they're workable and I think we can continue to improve this as we go along so I don't see any reason not to approve this bill at this time,” Inos told the crowd gathered in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

Villagomez said the bill was drafted, revised, and revisited with the victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence in mind.

“It's a good day. I'm very happy because like I said, this bill was mainly put together with the victims in mind. ... This is for

them,” the lawmaker said.

Inos commended the Legislature for acting on this bill.

“With this Act, I hope it serves as a stronger deterrent for perpetrators. No person should be a victim of any sexual crime, as victims of sexual crimes do not just hurt physically. The mental and emotional effects could be devastating and long lasting,” Inos said in his message to the Legislature.

Hours later, the governor also signed House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-27 merging EMO and OHS. That bill is now Public Law 18-4.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said HB 18-27

passed the Senate by a vote of 8-0 on Rota.

Last week, Inos signed two bills also in one day—one that raises by 5 percentage points the CNMI's hotel occupancy tax effective April 1 and one that clarifies the provisions of a law allowing refunds of contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund.

## Merger bill

Under the new PL 18-4, the reorganization of OHS and EMO unifies and creates the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Marvin Seman remains as the governor's special assistant for homeland security and

Jack Omar is still deputy special assistant for homeland security.

“Unless otherwise organized by the governor, they continue to serve in these positions at this time,” he said.

This comes days after Inos announced plans to also merge the Department of Labor and Workforce Investment Agency, privatize parks maintenance, and transfer the operations of the Oleai Sports Complex to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association.

## Tougher laws on sex crimes

With service providers and advocates in attendance, the governor signed late Friday morning a bill that strengthens provisions regarding sex crimes and domestic violence by establishing minimum mandatory sentence for sexual assault

and sexual abuse of a minor, increasing the time-served component necessary for parole eligibility, and amending existing definitions.

Villagomez resurrected the bill in the 18th Legislature, taking into consideration the concerns raised by former governor Benigno R. Fitial who vetoed the bill during the 17th Legislature.

He also worked with the Office of the Attorney General, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, House counsel Joe Taijeron, other lawyers and advocates to further refine the bill.

Maisie Tenorio of NMCADSV said with the new law, victims of domestic violence and sex crimes know that the highest level of government “hears their pleas.”

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal, who worked with Taijeron in drafting the bill, said the goal is to hold defendants

accountable for their action “so that we can give the victims some closure and peace as they move forward.”

Inos, in his message to House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), said this legislation addresses important laws affecting victims of sexual assault and sexual abuse of minors.

## Inos partially lifts hiring ban

Gov. Eloy S. Inos partially lifted on Friday a hiring freeze he implemented two days after being sworn in, but continues the temporary prohibition on salary changes, reallocations and reclassifications.

He issued a March 15 directive to all departments and agencies, amending his Feb. 22 directive to allow four things, including the extension of provisional employment limited to one extension for 90 days and renewals of qualified personnel.

Inos' latest directive also extends limited-term employment, as well as probationary

employment.

“The above approved actions must be in compliance with Public Law 17-80. A freeze remains for salary adjustments, reallocations and reclassifications,” he said in his one-page directive, a copy of which was obtained yesterday.

Officials said the first directive on hiring and salary change freeze is needed for financial accountability as well as political concerns. Later on, the administration said another reason is an ongoing review of a new law affecting personnel actions.

(Haidee V. Eugenio)

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The U.S. military announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate potential impacts associated with preliminary alternatives for meeting unfilled U.S. military training requirements in the CNMI. The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire and maneuver ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan. Existing military training areas and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI are insufficient to support U.S. military training requirements. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed in the CNMI to ensure that the U.S. military can meet its statutory and international agreement responsibilities to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

The publication of the Notice of Intent initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and public scoping period for the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS. Scoping assists the U.S. military in assessing the proposed action by soliciting community comment as to what issues should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Government agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public are encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and scoping meetings for the EIS/OEIS. The U.S. military will host public open house scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the following open house scoping meetings:

- **Wednesday, April 10, 2013, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Dandan Elementary School Cafeteria, Dandan Road, Dandan, Saipan**
- **Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Tinian Gym, San Jose, Tinian**
- **Friday, April 12, 2013, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Carolinian Utt, Garapan, Saipan**


Informational posters will be displayed and subject matter experts will be available during the open house meetings to discuss the proposed action, answer questions, and accept comments. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available at the scoping meetings.

Also, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the U.S. military is initiating Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties and encourages governmental agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public to participate in the Section 106 process. The Section 106 meetings will be held in a separate area during the scoping meetings where subject matter experts will explain the Section 106 process and solicit public input on the identification of potential historic properties.

Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups may also mail their comments postmarked by April 29, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) to:

**Mail comments to:** Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific  
Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager  
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100  
JBPBH, HI 96860-3134


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# Tinian High School's Yun Ha Seo tops STEM Fair

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REPORTER

Yun Ha Seo, an 11th grader from

Tinian High School, emerged as the biggest winner in this year's CNMI-PSS Islandwide STEM Fair after being adjudged the

overall champion and official representative of the Commonwealth to the upcoming Intel International Science and

Engineering Fair.

The national contest, to be held in Arizona in May, is the world's largest international pre-college science competition where more than 1,500 high school students across countries, regions, and territories will showcase independent researches.

Seo entered a Mathematics project about spiders, geometric forms made from alternating sequences of equilateral and isosceles triangles. Her project bested entries from both private and public high schools in the Mathematics category during Saturday's competition at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Seo said it took her more than a month to finalize her entry

with her teacher-coach Mikkell Castro. She vowed to do her best to represent the CNMI at the national competition.

"I can't believe it! I never imagined myself in the national!" she told *Saipan Tribune*.

This year is Seo's fourth year to join the fair but her first time to actually bag a gold medal in the category.

Four other students who also emerged overall winners in their divisions will compete at the Guam science fair next month.

They include Tinian Elementary School's Mefi Norech, who topped the kindergarten to first grade division; Saipan Community School's Kevin Liang, who emerged overall winner in the second to third grade division; William S. Reyes Elementary's Alexandro Amaro, who won in the fourth to fifth grade division;

and San Francisco de Borja's Angelica Lucero, who topped the sixth to eighth grade division.

## 26 schools, 177 entries

According to Jeaniffer Cubangbang, one of the event's coordinators, PSS received a total of 177 entries from 26 schools this year. This is an increase from last year's over 140 entries.

Each year, entries are getting better, Cubangbang said, a testament to an increasing interest and love for science and math.

The STEM Fair featured seven categories: life science, physical science, earth and space science, health and nutrition and medical, behavioral and social science, technology and electronics, and Mathematics.

Saturday's event was also attended by hundreds of parents and community members.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

STEM Fair overall champion Yun Ha Seo, center, poses with fellow winners in the high school division during awarding rites Saturday at Marianas High School. Seo, who will compete in the upcoming Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Arizona, is joined by second placer Young Eun Lee from Marianas Baptist Academy and third placer Thomas Manglona II from Mount Carmel School.



Three of the four overall winners in the lower division of the CNMI-PSS STEM Fair who will represent the Commonwealth at the Guam Science Fair competition in May. From left are Tinian Elementary School's Mefi Norech, Alexandro Amaro, and Angelica Lucero.

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Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Bids for Security Services for the Water Task Force Warehouse on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after **March 11, 2013**.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this contract is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA. The Contractor is required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **10:00 a.m.** local time, **March 22, 2013**, at the CNMI Water Task Force Conference Room, 1316 Anatahan Dr., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 pm, March 21, 2013**, to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager, facsimile number (670) 664-2279.

Bids must be sealed and marked "IFB13-GOV-087". For bidders within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m.** local time, **April 10, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bid by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m.** local time, **April 10, 2013**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515. For bidders located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **April 10, 2013**, and must be received no later than **April 19, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **April 22, 2013**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **April 10, 2013**.

The bid procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any imperfections in any bid if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All Bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **ELOY S. INOS**  
 Governor

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
 Director, Procurement & Supply

# 16 students win gold in regional NFL tilt

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REPORTER

Sixteen students were named members of the CNMI team that will compete at the National Forensic League this year after being hailed gold medalists in the regional contest held Saturday at Marianas High School.

Grace Christian Academy's Angela Mamaril will represent the islands in the U.S. extemporaneous speech category; the tandem of GCA's Rebekah Kim and Jimaela Ham will compete in duo interpretation; Marianas Baptist Academy's Se Young Hwang, foreign extemporaneous; Mount Carmel School's Anastasia Schweiger, oratorical; and MCS' Thomas Manglona II, Lincoln Douglas debate.

Other gold medalists were Saipan Southern High School's Soon Kwon for humorous interpretation; MCS' Janela Revilla, for dramatic interpretation; MBA's Savannah Delos Santos, prose; GCA's Dong Ha Lee, poetry; Saipan International School's Minori Yoshida, expository; MBA's Eunice Park, commentary; GCA's Terence Ho, impromptu; and MBA's Alina Ishikawa, storytelling.

For the first time, two students will join the CNMI team to compete in NFL's Chamorro humorous interpretation and dramatic interpretation categories. They are Marianas High School's Alan Delos Santos and Alexia Ada, who recently won at the Guam Chamorro Language Competition.

The team will advance to the national NFL in Alabama in

June this year.

Mamaril, who is on her last year to join the NFL, hopes for a better team performance and result. The senior student of GCA has been part of the CNMI team for four years now. Last Saturday, she won two golds for both extemporaneous commentary and U.S. extemporaneous.

## » CNMI team to fly to Alabama in June for national event

"I expect to do very well [in my last year at NFL]. I will practice hard because one of the greatest lessons I learned throughout the years is you can never work hard enough when you're competing in the national level."

This year also marks Schweiger's last year in the NFL and she is committed to bringing home the national championship for the Commonwealth. Schweiger will compete in original oratory where she will speak about generation gap. She won gold in three events last Saturday.

As a freshman and a transferee from Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School this year, Manglona II was not expecting to make it big in his first NFL event. This was echoed by Delos Santos, who described her win as "very surprising and yet very fulfilling."

The CNMI sends delegates to various NFL events every year and has consistently returned home with several awards and recognitions.

According to NFL board chair Harold Easton, approximately 150 students participated in this year's NFL events.

Easton is confident that the CNMI will once again send a good team that will perform extremely well at the nationals.



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The members of the CNMI Team that will compete in the national NFL competitions in Alabama in June this year gather for a group photo after the awarding rites Saturday night at Marianas High School's Dolphin Theater.

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# Man with pending trial arrested again for robbery

A man who was arrested in May last year for allegedly burglarizing a car rented by a group of tourists was apprehended again on Tuesday night for a similar offense.

William Deleon Guerrero, 33, was taken to Superior Court Friday on charges of robbery, burglary, and theft. His bail was set at \$21,000 cash.

Police detective Jeffrey Norita stated in his report that Deleon Guerrero was with his girlfriend and their child when he grabbed a purse belonging to a female employee of Hana Tour at Smiling Cove Marina on Tuesday night.

The victim said the purse con-

tained \$2,000 cash and \$2,000 in checks.

Norita said investigation showed that the Hana Tour employee was standing outside the company's van when she noticed that the van's passenger door was open and her purse was missing.

The employee saw the suspect hiding in front of the van so she shouted for help and chased him on foot. The employee's female friend noticed the commotion and joined the chase.

The suspect jumped into the driver's side of a white Toyota Corolla four-door sedan with license plate ABX-664 where a woman was in the passenger seat holding a child on her lap.

The victim's friend jumped on top of the car's hood in an attempt to force the driver to stop. The car sped off, prompting the victim's friend to jump off to avoid injury.

Norita said that, later that night a patrol officer located the vehicle and the driver identified as Deleon Guerrero at a residence in As Lito.

Norita said that Deleon Guerrero admitted that he and his girlfriend and their 1-year-old son were strolling earlier that night at Smiling Cove Marina.

Norita said the defendant has

a similar case that is pending for jury trial on June 3, 2013.

In May 2012, Deleon Guerrero was arrested for allegedly burglarizing a car rented by a

group of tourists and attempting to steal their belongings at the Coral Ocean Point beachside in As Gonno. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Fund told to remit \$40,799 to trustee *ad litem*

U. S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood has approved the NMI Retirement Fund's trustee *ad litem*'s request for \$40,799.33 payment for work and costs incurred in January 2013.

In an order issued Thursday, Tydingco-Gatewood found the billing submitted by trustee *ad litem* Civile and Tang law firm to be reasonable.

The trustee *ad litem* requested compensation for professional services in the amount of \$39,332.50, and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,466.83, for a total invoice amount of \$40,799.33.

The judge directed Fund acting director Lillian Pangelinan to immediately remit the amount to the trustee *ad litem* for its services.


"This payment will come from the NMIRF's Operations Budget, but the NMI government is ultimately responsible for reimbursing the NMIRF for

these funds," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

During the month of January 2013, the trustee *ad litem* and its team prepared and presented its report to the court and parties in retiree Betty Johnson's lawsuit.

Tydingco-Gatewood said this report addressed various questions and concerns the court had and provided the court, and the Fund's members and beneficiaries, with a comprehensive yet concise Fund status. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday greetings go out to Andrey Gladkov! This year is a very special birthday for you. Of course turning 50 is important for anyone but it is your first celebration as not only a son, husband, and dad but also a grandpa! So please receive earnest wishes from your parents, your wife, your children and your grandson Daniel!

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

EDWIN REYES DELA CRUZ

Petitioner,

vs.

ANGELINA MINULUAN DELA CRUZ

Respondent.

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION

NO. 12-0567

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505184 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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/S/ MARVIN K. SEMAN  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

KRISNALYN D. REYES

Petitioner,

vs.

MARLON V. REYES

Respondent,

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION

NO. 12-0478

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 501932, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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Dated this 30th day of January, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOSEPHINE DLG. PIAO,

Petitioner,

vs.

ANDERSON PARKS,

Respondent.

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION

NO. 13-0051

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

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DATED, this 6th day of February, 2013:

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

William Kenneth Castro Belyeu

Petitioner,

vs.

Sharon Kay Faulkner

Respondent.

FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION

NO. 13-0078

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Sharon Kay Faulkner

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Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA PIERE MALUS,

Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-0769

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: ANY INTERESTED PARTY AND HEIRS OF MARIA PIERE MALUS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 26, 2013 at 1:30 pm, a hearing will be held before Associate Judge, David A. Wiseman on EX PARTE REQUEST FOR POST-DECREE COURTSUPERVISIONANDADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE FUNDS, REPORT OF STATUS OF RENTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND MOTION TO DISQUALIFY AND REMOVE FORMER ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY R. KAIPAT AS RECEIVER OF THE RENTAL INCOME FROM THE GARAPAN PROPERTIES AND TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE RECEIVER in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2013.

/s/ Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Courts

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

March 18, 2007

**1/2 Discount Store closes**

One-Half Discount Store on Middle Road closed down last week after its sale to I-Mart supermarket. I-Mart president Chang Neung Sik confirmed Friday that his company has acquired the One-Half Discount Store. The store, which was owned by a Korean businessman, had been operating for six years. Chang, a Korean who has been doing business on Saipan for nearly 20 years, said he would soon open the business under the I-Mart chain. Chang initially ran Fresh Mart stores on island. He stopped Fresh Mart and launched I-Mart two years ago in Tanapag.

**CPA can go back to 80 hours but won't**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority can go back to the standard 80-workhour per pay period but it would not do so in view of the ongoing austerity program government-wide. Learning of an \$83,000 savings on personnel during the first five months of fiscal year 2007 during a board meeting Thursday, CPA board member Connie Igisomar quipped, "That's why I'm saying that we don't have to do 72 hours." She said that CPA has enough resources to compensate its personnel for the standard work schedule of 40 hours a week. Beginning October 1, 2006, the CPA has decided to adopt a 72-workhour per pay period throughout fiscal year 2007.

March 18, 2008

**Engine repair and hot weather trigger rotating outages anew**

Rotating outages hit Saipan anew yesterday after the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. failed to produce enough power due to ongoing repair on one of the power engines at the Power Plant 1 in Lower Base and the high power demand brought on by the hot weather. The outages started at 9am. CUC anticipated implementing the load shedding until 10pm last night. CUC Power Division acting manager Gary P. Camacho said that CUC mechanics continue to do maintenance work on engine no. 5 at the Lower Base plant. "As a result of these repairs, the power plants will not be able to generate the required electrical power to adequately meet island demand; therefore, load shedding is required," Camacho said.

**'Current rate of govt spending should stop'**

If the spending trend of government agencies is not abated, the Commonwealth's coffers would be close to bare by the end of the fiscal year, according to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. In a memo sent to all expenditure authorities Friday, the CNMI's chief executive referred to the Fund Status Report attached to Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez's letter dated Feb. 6, 2008, and said that, by the way things are going, Commonwealth agencies have no choice but to tighten their respective belts. "Per the report, almost all of the business units are expected to exceed budget authority if expenditures continue at the same rate as it has been for the first four months of the fiscal year (from Oct. 1, 2007 to Jan. 1, 2008)," noted Fitial in his memo.

March 18, 2009

**Off-island referrals see 27 pct. spike in FY '08**

The Medical Referral Office, which has a non-personnel budget of only \$5,172 in fiscal year 2009, yesterday said it is projecting a surge in the number of patients referred off island for treatment as a result of the economic slowdown that forces residents to cancel their private health insurance and turn to the government instead for help. "We are seeing an increase in the number of referrals," the MRO said yesterday. MRO referred 716 patients to off island medical providers in FY 2008, a 27-percent increase from only 565 patients in FY 2007. As expected, medical referral spending also increased-from close to \$4 million in FY 2007 to about \$5 million in FY 2008.

**Ex-CTC chairman gets 5-year prison sentence**

The Superior Court has slapped a five-year prison term on James Michael P. Fitzgerald, the former chairman of the defunct Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission, for stealing \$88,202.92 from CTC by issuing unauthorized checks to himself. "Fitzgerald used government funds.he was entrusted with like his own private piggy bank, taking out money whenever he felt like it," said associate judge David A. Wiseman. Wiseman believes that corruption in any form greatly harms a society or community, especially in the form of a breach of public trust that is vested in an employee or, as in this case, a ranking official working for the government.

# Highest ranking US military officer from NMI is now an Army colonel

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REPORTER

The CNMI's highest ranking U.S. military officer on active duty, U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco, has made the Commonwealth more proud with another promotion last week.

Blanco, a former lieutenant colonel and a former executive director of the Criminal Justice and Planning Agency, is the first to obtain the rank of colonel on active duty from the CNMI.

"I feel honored to have achieved this rank. It was my goal to at least make the rank of colonel then retire. I have been serving my country honorably since the rank of Private E-1, the lowest rank in the Army," Blanco told *Saipan Tribune* in an email interview on Saturday.

He said the promotion "means much greater responsibility, dedication to duty, and to continue serving honorably."

"I will continue to serve until I retire," added Blanco, from Chalan Kanoa. He is the son of Juan Blas Blanco and Constancia Reyes Camacho (deceased).

Blanco, currently assigned to the U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward) as the deputy G5, was one of the first commissioned officers from the CNMI under a law allowing those from the islands to become commissioned officers in the U.S. military.

At a recent ceremony, his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr.,

promoted Blanco to the rank of colonel.

Blanco attended William S. Reyes Elementary School and Mount Carmel School on Saipan, and graduated at George Washington Senior High School in Guam.

He later joined the U.S. Army Reserve on Guam with the 368th Military Police Company as a private E-1 and attended University of Guam. He attended the SROTC program at UOG and received an early commissioning in May 1984 as an infantry officer. He joined Charlie Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry and later graduated with a bachelor's degree at UOG.

Blanco received an active duty assignment with 25th Infantry Division (Light) and later with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, which he served with during Operations Desert Shield and Storm with 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment. He transitioned back in the Army Reserve on Saipan and joined the U.S. Army Reserve Marianas, where he commanded Echo Company, 442nd (Separate) Infantry Battalion.

While in the Reserve, he worked at the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency as a research and evaluation specialist and was elevated to the position of executive director.

In 2001, he got back in the Army on active duty status and served with U.S. Army Japan and 9th Theater Support



Command, Fifth U.S. Army, U.S. Army South, and now with the U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward).

Last year, an official of Japan's Ministry of Defense honored Blanco for his commitment and initiative to strengthen the relationship between the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Army. In 2009, the CNMI Senate also presented Blanco with a commemorative resolution honoring his accomplishments. Blanco is one of the hundreds of active duty and reserve officers from the CNMI.

U.S. Army Col. Harry Camacho Blanco, center, currently assigned to the U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward) as deputy G5, is promoted to his new rank at a ceremony led by his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr., last week. Also in photo are Blanco's children Vladimir and Anastasia.

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## Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Division of Public Health

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#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-13-016

#### PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION OF LED STREET LIGHTS (Phase No. 3)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the procurement and installation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Street Lights on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 14, 2013 at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-016, Procurement and Installation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Street Lights" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on April 9, 2013 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualifications should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page—<http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

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All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Alfredo Palatiao, Power Division Engineer via email [alfredo.palatiao@cucgov.org](mailto:alfredo.palatiao@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



# Opinion

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## Francis—humble yet strong, like our Catholic faith

**A** Jesuit pope who takes the name of St. Francis. The soldier of Christ meets the gentle servant who asked the Lord to make him “a channel for peace.” Habemus Papam, we have a pope. And a gentle warrior for the church is born.

As I watched the former Jorge Bergoglio at the red-draped balcony, at least two things occurred to me: He was humble and resolute.

In some ways, Francis appears to be a synthesis of his two immediate predecessors, the charismatic soldier John Paul II and the unassuming contemplative Benedict XVI.

This, I think, is what we need now, even as we struggle to understand which road will take us to the redemptive glory that we deserve as both a church and a people.

I have grown up around Jesuits, admire their fierce intelligence and independent spirits. They scare me to some degree, because they are so independent. These were the men who ventured farthest from Europe into the dark reaches of the New World to preach the word of God.

Many were martyred by savages—no political correctness here; they were savages—but temples were built on their sacrifice. There are many places in South America, native continent of our new pope, that bear the name Loyola after the Jesuit founder St. Ignatius. They are unpredictable like the Berrigan brothers, who were involved in war protests in the '60s; brilliant like the teachers at St. Joe's Prep, where my brothers learned to be men.

The church is strengthened, and challenged, by them.

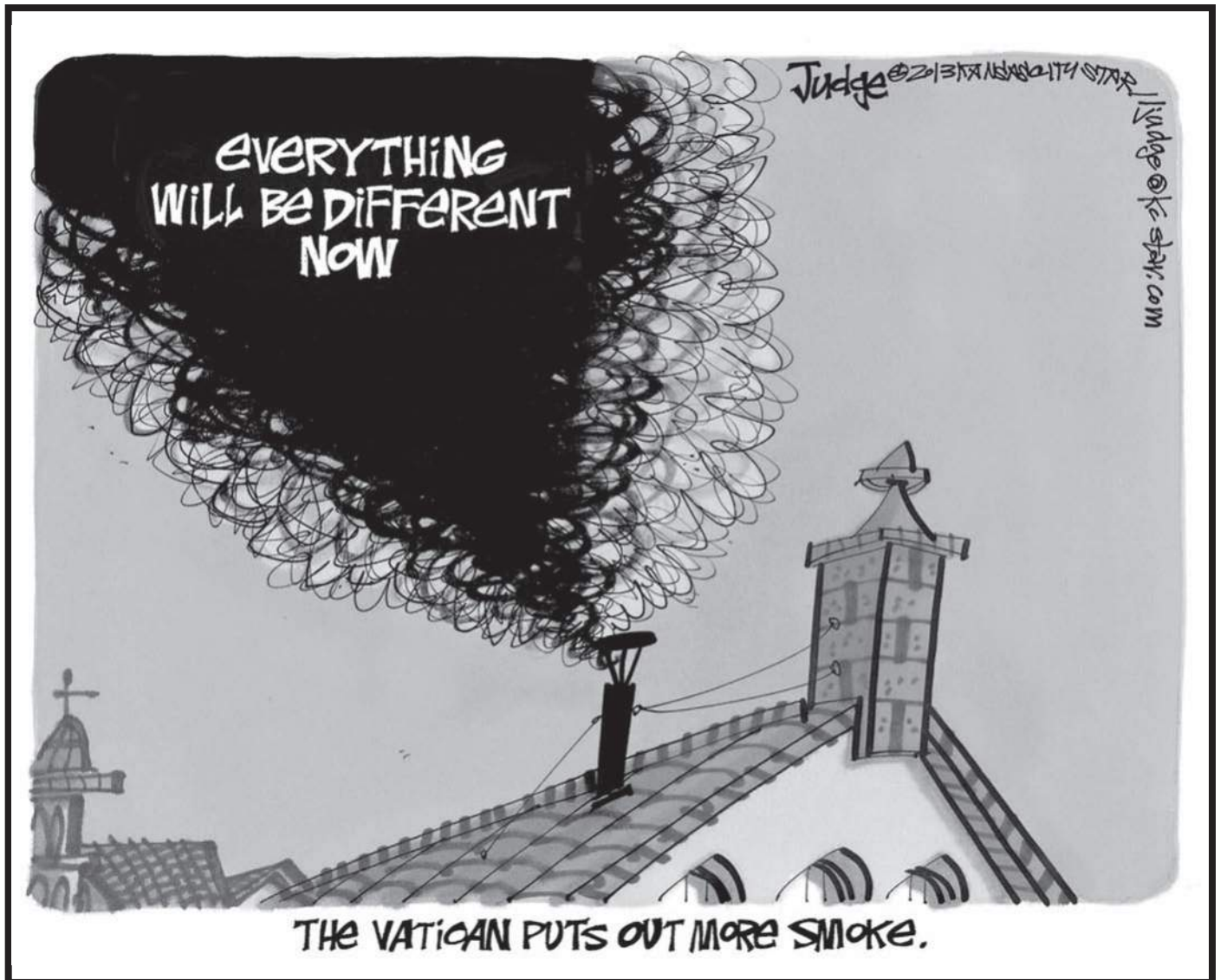
But we Catholics are also called to be peacemakers, lovers and pilgrims for a just and compassionate world. St. Francis of Assisi walked barefoot, carried no sword like his brother Ignatius, communed with nature and made a simple prayer to God:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

These two separate identities of our new leader are the twin aspects of our faith. We are called to be strong and yet humble, passionate and yet calm, steadfast in our faith but accommodating of human weakness. It's not easy to bridge the divide between the spiritual and the terrestrial worlds, and we are called to live in both. We often fail, and sometimes fail spectacularly.

But there is something beautiful in this church that transcends the picayune desires of the special-interest groups. As Catholic author George Weigel writes, my church does not “completely cave in to the cult of the imperial autonomous Self, the ideology of Gender and the notion that nothing is simply given in the human condition.”

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## Are we about to implode?

**T**here are basically two ways for a country to be destroyed. One is by an outside invasion such as a foreign power conquering it. This has been done throughout the centuries to hundreds of countries. We are still experiencing this today with all the various conflicts throughout the world.

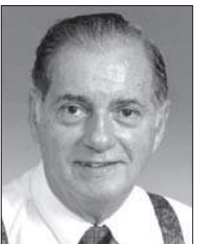
The second way for a country to be destroyed is by imploding. Imploding means to collapse inwardly such as when a building is imploded instead of exploding. This second method is devious, slow, and crueler than the first. Basically it occurs when its citizens lose the desire to help themselves. Due to various circumstances they become demoralized. Meanwhile a few of its citizens become exceptionally greedy for power and money at the expense of their fellow citizens. When a nation implodes, the will of its people has been destroyed. They feel that they are unable to overcome hardships and just give up and accept any leadership and any free hand-outs. See what is happening to several of the countries in Europe at this time. Argentina is imploding at this time. Consider, are we in a state of imploding?

Let me share what George B.N. Ailey, Ph.D., concludes about African countries that have imploded: “African countries have a long history of imploding. The causes of conflict and state collapse in post-colonial Africa has always been the monopolization of power, its use to advance personal or sectarian interests and the refusal to relinquish or share it. Politically excluded or persecuted groups will always rise up and rebel or secede. The richest in Africa are heads of state and ministers, and quite often the chief bandit is the head of state himself. It is no accident that the most powerful is often the richest. Those who do not learn from this history are bound to repeat.”

During the past few weeks we have seen a drastic and humiliating change in our local government. For years we were slowly imploding. Finally our former governor resigned to avoid being impeached. Now we have a new administration and Legislature who are on a fast track to remediate our economy. I wish them the best of luck and full cooperation. But what are some of the things that must be done to avoid imploding?

One of the first things that must be done to begin a revitalization program is that the government must reach out and make us fully aware of the plight we are in. I don't just mean a news article, but a continuing discussion of where we are today and how bad it is. Our governor must talk to us regularly such as on television at least once a month. He must reach out and fully explain what he and his administration are planning to remedy the situation. Remember he is our “father,” and we need to be told the truth, both good and bad.

During the governor's monthly talks we must be asked to join in repairing our economy. We must be reminded that these are our islands, our homes to share with our children, have dreams, make

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a living, and enjoy life. There can be no room for personal aggrandizement. We are a community sharing the same goals. The underlying motive of all of this is cooperation!

How much money will this cost us? Nothing—only determination to improve! All of us must be responsible for our destiny.

Here is a quote from the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 1V.4.5:

“You are what your deep driving desire is.

As your desire is, so is your will.

As your will is, so is your deed.

As your deed is, so is your destiny.”

Next step is that our people must be trained to do the work that is vital in our community. Our citizens must be the main source of workers in the private sector. Instead we have become spoiled by enjoying the luxury of having nonresident workers do our work. Does Guam, Hawaii, or any other state in the United States enjoy nonresident housemaids? Does Guam, Hawaii, or any other state in the United States have nonresident cooks, waiters, and dishwashers? How many taxicabs do we ride in which the driver is local? The list of jobs that nonresident workers do is quite long and includes almost all types of labor. But where do most of us locals work? Of course, in the government! Or we stand in line at the food stamp office.

Now that the U.S. government is threatening to take away control of the influx of nonresident workers from us, we are begging for a five-year extension. During this extension will we train our own people? How much training have we done in the past 10 years? What do we do after the five-year extension? Ask for another? We must show that we are helping ourselves but need a bit more time.

We must examine the effects that food stamps are having on our lives. Thousands of potential employees are being robbed of all remnants of dignity and self-pride. Think of the growth of our community if these potential local workers were to construct our highways, build our homes, cook and serve our food, operate our utilities, and run our businesses. Instead of our community imploding, it would explode with growth and prosperity and pride.

The famous poet Kahlil Gibran in his collection of poems titled **See IMplode on Next Page**

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**Letters to the Editor****Alcohol: A request of the Legislature and DPS chief**

The other night a man smashed his car into a pole in front of the Ada gym in Susupe, killing his passenger, his girlfriend. The man, 21 year-old Joseph Berki, remains in intensive care at the hospital. But Naomi Benjamin, also 21, will have no more birthdays, and Facebook is full of mourners. Her untimely death is a tragedy of momentous proportions. I never had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Benjamin, but I know she was loved by many.

Police say that speed and alcohol were factors in the crash. In the CNMI there are far too many traffic fatalities resulting from alcohol abuse, but the police can't be everywhere. Yes, there are checkpoints, and they probably do some good. But for people who drive drunk, there is no simple way to prevent this from happening.

The traffic fatalities are the least of it

Also rampant on these islands are the cases of domestic abuse and sexual abuse, particularly of minors. Individuals get drunk and start beating up, or molesting, their wives, husbands, girlfriends, children, nieces, neighbors, friends, you name it. It happens frequently, behind closed doors, and is a shattering experience for the victims. But sometimes alcohol-fueled violence also occurs in public.

We all recall the young man who was beaten by two drunk young men on Middle Road in Garapan, and then was later hit and killed by a car. One of the assailants was also struck by the vehicle.

A woman received a sentence of 20 years in prison for numerous alcohol-related offenses, including trying to kill her husband with her car.

A good defense attorney can claim temporary insanity, since the

drunk was not in his, or her, right mind when the offenses were committed. But this sidesteps the problem of alcohol abuse.

Legislators, I encourage you to pass a law that any crime that involves alcohol abuse receive an additional mandatory punishment. Relative to the offense, it could be jail time, or community service.

I am not against drinking or the use of alcohol per se. If you want to get loaded in your own home, dance around wearing a lampshade, and then pass out in a stupor, be my guest. But if you commit a crime while intoxicated, you need to be stepped on.

Legislators, I am pleased that you recently toughened the law for sex offenders. They are the lowest of the low, and deserve punishment. In most cases these offenses involve alcohol, and this should not be ignored. Judge Camacho recently sentenced Jose Ilo Santos to 60 years in prison for sexually molesting a little girl. It was a tough sentence, but well deserved.

I can't tell you how many times I have walked down the Beach Road pathway on the weekends, and have seen a lot of drunk people. There are coolers of beer in the backs of pickups, and kids and infants are usually nearby, as the adults get drunk and noisy.

I remember seeing a drunk man, trying to throw some paper into a garbage bin. He threw, he missed, he laughed. Did he pick the paper up? No, he was loaded and didn't care. What kind of message does this send? Is this acceptable behavior in a public place, especially on an island that caters to thousands of tourists from other countries?

It's not just the Beach Road pathway; it's almost all of the public

beaches, especially on weekends. There are broken beer bottles and shards of glass in the sand, and usually a pile of trash. The drunks probably think it's fun to break a bottle near the shoreline. Hey, maybe somebody will step on it! Hey, maybe a tourist—ha ha!

This kind of behavior is an adolescent macho thing: get drunk, chew betel nut, smoke, act out, swagger around, and feel like a Big Man. It's pointless, and impresses only other drunken low-lives. Mature grown-ups do not do this. Still, it goes on everywhere in the CNMI. You have seen it.

I don't know if public intoxication is a crime, but I hope that the DPS commissioner, James Deleon Guerrero, will assign some officers to do a sweep of Beach Road and the beaches on the weekends, and round up the drunks. This will send a clear message: we will not tolerate this behavior any longer. Stay sober or get picked up.

Anyone who is drunk in public, or behind the wheel of a car, displays a reckless disregard for the life and property of others. I call upon the Legislature and the DPS commissioner to tackle this alcohol scourge head on with some tough laws, and rounding up those who are intoxicated in public. There is no reason to let alcohol abuse slide any longer.

Finally, I express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Naomi Benjamin. It's a heart-breaking tragedy for her to have died so young.

**Russ Mason**  
*Oleai, Saipan*

**CHCC: Slowly but surely getting back on track**

About two years ago, the CNMI Department of Public Health and the Commonwealth Health Center were converted to an autonomous government corporation under the name Commonwealth Health Care Corp. The legislation establishing CHCC intended the new public corporation to be revenue generating and self-sustaining. As a line department of the Executive Branch previously, the department was receiving an annual appropriation of about \$30 million from the Legislature. The law establishing CHCC, in contrast, gave the new corporation a startup fund of only \$5 million and only for one year. After that, CHCC had to be financially independent.

Many of us have questioned over the last two years the wisdom of the Legislature in giving the new CHCC only \$5 million in seed money to do the work of a line department that was previously receiving \$30 million in annual appropriation. We have watched with alarm as the hospital's doctors and professional staff began to dwindle to a skeleton staff. Doctors and nurse were leaving in droves, in fear that the new ship—CHCC—would sink. After two of the most trying years in CNMI public health history, the new management persevered, however, and never lost hope. Amidst all the public criticisms, the new management headed by former governor Juan N. Babauta stood tall and continued to do its best to get out of the

financial mess that it inherited from the new legislation and from past years of poor financial mismanagement.

To be sure, Mr. Babauta and his managers and staff had to rely on the help and cooperation of the doctors and nurses who stayed, as well as from the U.S. Public Health Service officers and staff who came to assist and rescue CHCC. Although the CHCC is still far from solving all of its problems and shortcomings, we can now say with some degree of certainty that the CHC hospital and public health service in the CNMI is no longer in danger of falling apart. And this fact, in and of itself, is a source of comfort for the people of the CNMI.

With the new administration of Gov. Eloy Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider, some of the critics of CHCC are now calling for a change in the present CHCC management, including the removal of Mr. Babauta. We fail to realize, however, that it was through Mr. Babauta's leadership during the past two years that CHCC has survived and is now on track to overcoming its past financial predicament. We also fail to realize that the legislation giving CHCC seed money of only \$5 million was the main reason that created its near collapse during its first year. Critics of CHCC fail to realize that "changing horses in midstream" is never a good idea, especially

now when CHCC has started the process of putting in place the necessary tools, training and staff that should within the next two years make CHCC financially self-sustaining. Let's give the present management team headed by Mr. Babauta the opportunity to prove that they can do the job.

At one time the CHC hospital had more than enough doctors, nurses, and professional staff servicing our people. I truly believe that, in two to three years, we will once again see our hospital and public health service regain the stature and prominence it used to have.

**Alexandro Sablan**  
*Dandan, Saipan*

**CATHOLIC**

*From Page 10*

So those who are hoping for a female priesthood would perhaps hope that the Jesuit part of the new pope will lead him to fight for revolutionary change. It probably won't happen in our lifetimes.

And those who think that there will be a withdrawal from the public sphere, a quieting down of our public voices and a retreat to the contemplative nature of St. Francis are also probably wrong. That separation of church and state so beloved of American Catholics will not amount to a muting of God's message. It will be loud, and get louder.

A Jesuit is taught to be of the world, to go out and to change it. St. Francis was a man who looked inward and found grace in simple, intangible things. If, as I hope, both of these aspects are reflected in our new pope, this will be an exciting time for Catholics all over the world.

There is something special in the fact that this is the first non-European pope since the Middle Ages, a man who can speak in his native language to a part of the world that has always embraced the Catholic message and is filled with increasingly vibrant Catholics.

There is something moving in the fact that he was picked on only the second day of deliberations, a man who garnered the support and affection of vastly different men with vastly different experiences and personalities.

In the moments after John Paul II was chosen to lead a fractured family in 1978, none of us could know how truly great he would turn out to be.

In the days after Benedict XVI took over the mantle, in the sad shadow of his predecessor's death, none of us expected a papacy of such richness and truly loving service.

None of us now knows what the papacy of Francis holds for we anticipatory billions.

But a Jesuit named Francis gives us hope for great things.

**IMPLODE**

*From Page 10*

*The Prophet* wrote this about work:

"When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music. ... And what is it to work with love? It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth...."

I have searched and continue to search for something that will give us creditability and hope to rescue ourselves. But I cannot find much to prove that we are capable of self-sufficiency unless we stand up and do something about it. Honestly, I am not complaining. We must consider what has happened to us? Why aren't we willing to work and operate our small businesses and shops? Why do we keep being so dependent on nonresident workers?

Look at what has happened to us who are government employees. We gave the best of our years only to find out that our future has been stolen from us by the government we trusted. Somewhere along the way we have lost our determination and will to help ourselves. Lack of, or more, money is not always the answer to our problems. I learned from many successful people that money will come when we work hard to succeed. We need a strong will to rebuild ourselves!

Singapore was a British colony from 1946 to 1959. Then in 1959, England cut the umbilical cord and let Singapore float on its own to either sink or swim. It had no benefactors, no money, no natural resources, and an almost illiterate population. Though only 225

square miles in size, Singapore today is one of the major economic powers not only in Asia but in the world. What a great modern day success story. A miracle from rags to riches. Read its history. What caused this explosion? Why didn't it implode as many countries do? *Because of its people with a determination!*

Read this quote from Singapore's former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew: "Singapore's success was due to the ability and industry of our young people, willing and eager to learn, prepared to work hard and pay their way in the world, finding pride and pleasure in constructive endeavor.... There is no law in nature which provides that life will get better next years. We have to work hard to make it better."






Forgive my sermonizing but I strongly feel that we if we emulate Singapore, we too will succeed. We are lucky that we have a great benefactor—the United States—who pours in millions of dollars yearly into our economy. We are close to large Asian markets. And we have an adequate local labor force if we train them. As I keep mentioning we have acres of diamonds. Come on, let's dig for them. I am strongly stating in what I believe, not because I know the correct answers. You and I working together will find the answers we need.

The governor and the entire Legislature must motivate us to rise above our depression. We are intelligent and capable of work. But we need an impetus to nudge us. Let's encourage our youth to master skills and professions that will help our beloved CNMI grow into a harmonious and prosperous community. We must take up the challenge. If we don't learn from the mistakes of our past history, we will sadly repeat them. This is our country. Let us not implode, but explode! The best is yet to come! Keep smiling!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Sunny	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲83 ▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼79

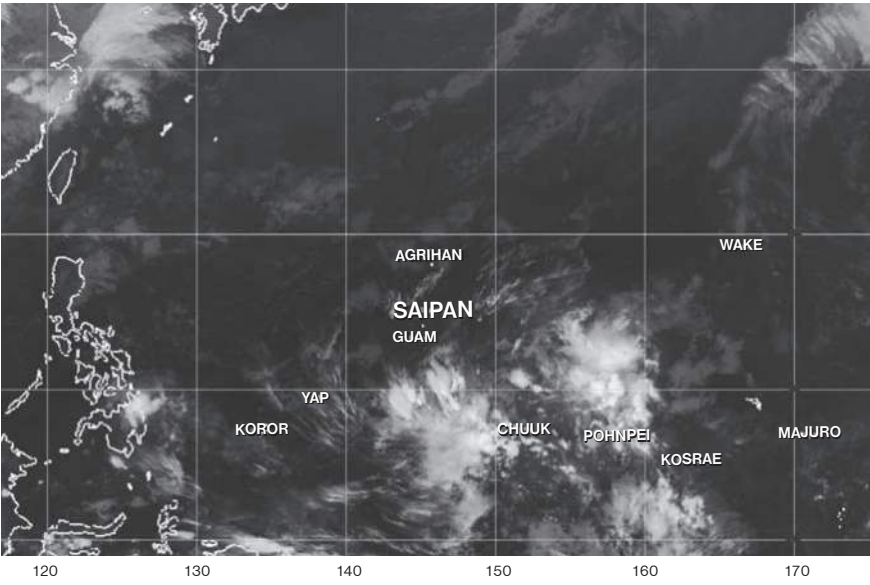
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼62
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲50 ▼33
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲77 ▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼67
London	Showers	▲42 ▼36
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲78 ▼55
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼70
New York	Snow	▲37 ▼36
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲64 ▼51
Paris	Showers	▲46 ▼37
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼51
Rome	Rain	▲58 ▼48
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲55 ▼39
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲66 ▼50
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲56 ▼42
Tokyo	Showers	▲69 ▼54
Washington, DC	Ice	▲45 ▼32

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:20 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
6:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	
12:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
7:34 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from east of Iwo To island at 25N147E to beyond 130E at 18N. Patchy clouds and showers are seen along and up to 250 miles northwest of the shear line. A near-equatorial trough reaches eastward from south of Mindanao through 4N130E to a circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 4N147E then turns southeastward to end at EQ153E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the trough and circulation south of Guam between the equator and 11N from 144E to 150E. A surface trough runs northeastward from the circulation to 13N155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the trough axis north of Chuuk and Pohnpei between 8N and 15N from 151E to 160E. Converging trade winds east of the circulation are triggering similar weather over Pohnpei within 95 miles of a line from 7N158E to EQ162E. A weak trade-wind disturbance is generating widely scattered showers over Butaritari Atoll between 2N and 6N from 172E to 180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:23 AM	6:28 PM
Tuesday	6:22 AM	6:28 PM
Wednesday	6:21 AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:21 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	6:28 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:43 AM	11:54 PM
Tuesday	11:31 AM	
Wednesday	12:19 PM	12:41 AM
Thursday	1:09 PM	1:28 AM
Friday	1:59 PM	2:13 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily	UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL297	4:25pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	1, 5	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ6053	8:50pm	2:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU7108	3:50am	7:40am	1, 5	MU7107	7:40pm	2:50am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	11:55am	5:10pm	5	XF1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:15am+1	2, 4, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	8:00am	1:15am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5062/191	4:40am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	2, 4, 5, 7 via NRT	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:35pm	1, 3, 6 via NRT	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	PR110/UA5072	10:15pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5072/PR111	9:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:35pm	7:55am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air.				ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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MONETH G. DEPOSA

The six-member team of the Marianas High School's Aeronautical Dolphins and their teacher coach John Raulerson pose for a group photo while showcasing their project to the community last Saturday at MHS gymnasium. The back-to-back champion group is composed of Jill Ann Arada, Clariza Magat, Stephanie Xiao, Cecilia Huixin Xu, John Paul Aglubat, and Jessica Bigueras. The team will fly to Washington, D.C. next month to compete in the national Real World Design Challenge.

## Aeronautical Dolphins is back-to-back RWDC champion

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The CNMI Public School System is pinning its hopes on the Marianas High School team, the Aeronautical Dolphins, who will represent the islands and will vie for the national title in the upcoming Real World Design Challenge in Washington, D.C. this year.

The six-member team, along with their teacher-coach John Raulerson, received last Saturday their medals and certificates after the group emerged champion in both the statewide and regional levels of the design challenge.

The team is composed of Jill Ann Arada, Clariza Magat, Stephanie Xiao, Cecilia Huixin Xu, John Paul Aglubat, and Jessica Bigueras.

This is the CNMI's second time to join the Real World Design Challenge, an annual high school competition for all

## Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- March 18, 20, and 22, from 9am to 3pm
- March 19, from 8am to 6pm
- March 21, from 7am to 3pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (PR)

states and territories that aims to transform the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education in the U.S. by providing professional science and engineering and learning resources to students and teachers.

Last year, the school's "Green Dolphintors" bagged for the CNMI a meritorious award at the nationals after team members demonstrated their hard work in improvising and overcoming a difficult situation while still making a respectable showing with an attitude that shows they can overcome incredible odds.

For team project manager Jill Ann Arada, a return trip to the nationals is truly a challenge. She was a member of the Green Dolphintors that made a remarkable showing at the nationals last year. With more experience and knowledge this time, Arada hopes for a better outcome. Arada is one of the only two veteran members of the group who will return to the

nationals.

Clariza Magat, for her part, said that it's always rewarding and fulfilling when hard work pays off.

"We're coming back [there] stronger, more experienced and ready to show what we got here in the CNMI," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

First-timers like John Paul Aglubat and Jessica Bigueras describes the upcoming contest as a great opportunity to learn more about science and aviation.

"I really wanted to be in this team because I know it will be a great help in my plan to become an engineer in the future," said Aglubat.

The Aeronautical Dolphins designed a small unmanned aircraft system (or unmanned aircraft vehicle) for search and rescue missions. According to the members, their project outlines solutions that will pave the way for future small UAVs.

The group will fly to Washington, D.C. next month.

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### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

of Public Auction  
under Power of Sale  
in Deed of Trust



In accordance with the provisions of 2 CMC §4626 of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Deed of Trust Act, 2 CMC §4611, et seq., Trustee Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, hereby gives Notice that the Public Sale of the real property described as **Lot No. 128 D 51**, and more particularly described below, has been postponed until **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

As required by 2 CMC §4626, at the public sale on Friday, December 10, 2012 and again at the initial postponement on February 8, 2013, the Trustee made a public declaration of this postponement, and continued the public sale to a new date of **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

Accordingly, pursuant to 2 CMC §4622(b)(2) and 2 CMC §4626, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee Northern Marianas Housing Corporation will be **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust received from Francisco L. Kaipat, sell the following described real property:

**Lot No. 128 D 51**, (formerly known as part of Lot 018 D 57), containing an area of 620 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00, the original of which was recorded 07 Dec 1999 as Document No. 99-2896 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan

at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust.

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be due within seventy-two (72) hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within seventy-two (72) hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned real property will automatically revert to NMHC, as Trustee. The real property shall be sold "AS IS" without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed, or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash or cashier's check.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to cancel or postpone the date, time, and place of sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2013.

/S/ Jesse S. Palacios  
Corporate Director

**Lot No.:** 128 D 51  
**Area:** 620 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Gross Living Area:** 1,201 Ft<sup>2</sup>  
**Location:** Adilanto Loop, Sugar King Estates, Saipan  
**3 BR, 2 Bath**  
**Minimum Bid:** \$52,000.00  
**Bid Date:** April 2, 2013  
**Bid Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
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# Raffle, dance contest caps McDonald's 20th anniversary bash

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The Galang family will have a great birthday celebration for two of its members after winning the grand prize of \$1,000 worth of Joeten Superstore gift certificates in McDonald's Saipan's 20th Anniversary Customer Appreciation event on Saturday.

Rafael Christian Galang's ticket number became the winning ticket after dozens of other ticket numbers were called out but their owners were not present during the raffle draw, one of the highlights of the event held at the parking lot of McDonald's Chalan Laulau branch.

Hundreds of community members took part in the event, which capped McDonald's Saipan's celebration of being in the business for two decades.

Galang's mom, Rizza, said that their luck is very timely because her son Rafael just turned 8 last Saturday while another son, Aldraine, will be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday.

"It's a great gift for our family. We weren't expecting to win but we were hopeful, especially since a lot of people who were called out were not present. We're a regular customer of McDonald's because we have kids. We thank them for this promotion," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Kagman resident Kimberly Acebo, who had four raffle entries, won the second prize—a 32" flat screen television.

"I won in a raffle two years ago but didn't get the prize because I didn't stay behind. So this time, I'm glad I stayed until the end," said Acebo, who claimed her prize with her daughter Kelly.

Luz Gapor of San Roque said she's very happy to bring home the third



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Members of the GMS Dance Crew join choreographer Bona Angeles and Green Meadow School president Mila Merjilla in accepting their prize after winning the 6 to 11 category of the McDonald's Saipan Dance Crew Competition.

prize, an Acer netbook. "I've been here since 9am to support McDonald's in their 20th anniversary celebration," said Gapor.

McDonald's Saipan also gave away minor prizes: Etzzy Rappul, a toaster oven; John Palacios and Mariana Castro, dinner for two at Kili Café & Terrace at Hyatt Regency Saipan; Liz Romolar, blender; Lei B. and Barbie Iglesia, \$20 worth of baked goods at Herman's Modern Bakery; Margo Gifford, Juliet Isp, and Cassidee, one-day pass for one at Spaness, Saipan World Resort; Bowie Lorraine and Marivic Tumulad, one 8" round regular cake.

Meanwhile, the Mobil promotion winners were Miyanchi Hozumi, who won \$100 worth of fuel; and

Yongniam Kuang, who won a McDonald's package.

All minor prize and Mobil winners will be contacted on how to claim their prizes.

"We're happy to see a lot of people join in the fun and celebration that McDonald's Saipan had in store for them. We thank them for all their support and we hope they continue to patronize us. We look forward to serving them in the next 20 years. God bless them and their families," said Marcia Ayuyu, McDonald's Saipan general manager.



Kimberly Acebo and daughter Kelly accept their brand new 32" flat screen TV from McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu.

## Dance crew winners

Saturday's event also featured a dance crew competition involving two age categories.

Fruit Ninjahz Krew outshone three other competitors in the 12 to 19 group to win \$300 in cash and a trophy.

The group has a total of nine members, but only six performed at the contest. They are all 11th graders at Marianas High School: Nathan Palacios, Jonas Dartaven, Dan Ibarra, Ken Adeva, Wayne Radayum, and George Sablan.

"We didn't really expect to win. We did this for us and to perform for our audience. We're really happy we won. We thank the organizers, judges, and the rest of the crowd for bearing with our technical difficulties," the group, which was formed in October 2011 and prepared for the contest in just one day, said in an interview.

According to Fruit Ninjahz Krew, dancing keeps them healthy, prevents

them from doing bad stuff, and helps build stronger friendship. The group plans to use their prize money to celebrate by camping in Managaha or to pay for their dance uniform.

For the 6 to 11 category, the Green Meadow School or GMS Dance Crew bested three other young groups by dancing to the tune of Shakira's *Hips Don't Lie*.

The group, choreographed by teacher Bona Angeles, is composed of 13 students who have been classmates since K-4 and have been performing for three years in various community events on island. Angeles and GMS president Mila Merjilla were joined by students as they accepted the \$300 cash prize and a trophy.

Other competing teams were KCC Dance, Marianaz Angelz, and Kidz in Action for the 6 to 11 category; and Passion, Limit Crew, and ACDC for the 12 to 19 category.

McDonald's also held an individual dance showdown. Limit Crew's MJ Quitaneg won a \$50 Arch reloadable card for his outstanding moves.

All competitors were evaluated by a panel of judges composed of Niko Plata, L.J. Castro, Minda Castro, and Ulysses Sabuco.

McDonald's also held a raffle for its staff. John Tudela, who has been a crew member for one year and three months, won a Samsung cell phone while accountant Marissa Obtinalla, who has been with the company for 14 years, won a digital camera.

McDonald's Saipan owner and president Joe Ayuyu said Saturday's turnout was very overwhelming. He said all dance crew competitors did a stellar performance and he congratulated all the winners for a job well done.

Ayuyu extended his appreciation to all of McDonald's Saipan's customers, staff, and vendors for making the company successful over the years. "We attribute our success to all of you. We're happy to see everyone join in the celebration. The most important thing is that everyone had fun."



McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu joins the Galang family for a photo after the latter won the grand prize of \$1,000 worth of Joeten Superstore gift certificates.



McDonald's Saipan owner and president Joe Ayuyu and wife and general manager Marcia Ayuyu are flanked by members and supporters of the Fruit Ninjahz Krew, the winning team for the Dance Crew Competition 12 to 19 category.



Luz Gapor, right, receives her Acer netbook.



Fruit Ninjahz Krew pose for a group photo in front of the panel of judges after winning the dance competition for the 12 to 19 category.



McDonald's Saipan's Joe and Marcia Ayuyu join staffers John Palacios and Marissa Obtinalla, who won a Samsung cellphone and Nikon digital camera, respectively.

# Business

## Boeing: Commercial 787 flights to restart in weeks

**TOKYO (AP)**—Boeing said Friday it sees commercial flights of its grounded 787 jets resuming “within weeks” even though it has not pinpointed the cause of battery overheating.

Boeing Co. Chief Project Engineer Michael Sinnett outlined a fix centered on a new design for the lithium-ion battery system that has layers of safeguards to prevent overheating and measures to contain malfunctions.

“We could be back up and going in weeks and not months,” Sinnett told reporters at a Tokyo hotel. A third of safety tests have already been completed. A Japanese official said it was possible flights could resume next month.

The 787 fleet was grounded worldwide by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, its counterparts in Japan and other nations in January, following a battery fire in a Dreamliner parked in Boston and an overheated battery that led to an emergency landing of another 787 in Japan.

All Nippon Airways, a major Japanese carrier, was the launch customer for the technologically advanced Dreamliner planes. With Japan Airlines another customer, about



Boeing Commercial Airplanes Vice President and Chief Project Engineer Mike Sinnett poses with a model of newly designed 787's battery for photographers during a news conference in Tokyo, Friday, March 15, 2013.

half the 787 jets in use are with Japanese carriers.

The Boeing executives sought to allay flier fears about the 787 by repeatedly stressing their commitment to safety. The Dreamliner is the first airliner to make wide use of lithium-ion batteries. They are light and quick to charge but can suffer from “thermal runaway,” a chemical reaction in which a rise in temperature causes a spiral of temperature increases.

The executives said it would

take too long to figure out what had specifically caused the problems in Boston and southwestern Japan but the new design would ensure 787s are safe.

Boeing came up with 80 possible causes for the battery failures, categorized them into four groups, and came up with design changes such as better insulation between each battery cell so any malfunctions won't spread. That was to allow the 787 to be back in the air more promptly, they said.

## Cypriots' president defends bailout deal

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)**—Cyprus' president said Saturday that the decision to force bank depositors to share the burden of a (EURO)10 billion (\$13 billion) bailout package from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund was done to save his country from financial ruin.

Despite that assurance, nervous depositors rushed to ATM machines in Cyprus on Saturday to drain their accounts.

President Nicos Anastasiades said Cyprus had little option but to accept the bailout deal, which imposes a levy on the country's bank deposits - an unprecedented step in the eurozone crisis. Without it, he said, Cyprus' banking system would have collapsed on Tuesday.

Anastasiades said that's when the European Central Bank

would have stopped providing emergency funding to Cyprus' troubled banks. Such a collapse would have driven the country to bankruptcy and possibly out of the eurozone, he said.

The president said the deposit levy rescues banks, keeps the country's debt load manageable, and avoids the risk of deeper pay cuts and tax hikes.

“We're not aiming to gloss over the situation,” he said in his first public statement after the EU-IMF meeting in Brussels agreed on the bailout early Saturday. “The solution taken may be painful, but it was the only one” worth taking.

News of the levy stunned the public because Anastasiades and his top ministers had vehemently rejected any suggestions of going after deposits to save

Cyprus' banks that lost billions on bad Greek debt.

Lines formed at many ATMs as people scrambled to pull as much of their money out as they could, a development that Cypriot and European officials feared would happen. Another key concern was that the bailout would buckle investor confidence in Cyprus and other weaker eurozone economies.

Trying to head off a full-blown bank run when banks reopen on Tuesday after the long holiday weekend, Bank of Cyprus Group chief Andreas Artemis called for “calm and a level-headed assessment” of the situation.

“Developments are painful and startling. That's why the public's concern is completely understandable and justified,” he said.

## BOG's Sablan certified corporate trust specialist

**HAGATNA, Guam**—Bank of Guam announced that Tina Renee A. Sablan, assistant cashier/trust officer has earned Certified Corporate Trust Specialist from the Cannon Corporate Trust School.

A 1992 graduate of Guam Community College, Sablan has been employed with Bank of Guam starting in 1994 as a customer service representative. She has been with the Trust Department since 2001.

The Corporate Trust Spe-

cialist certification program is under the Institute for Certified Bankers (ICB).

It is designed to establish a recognized standard of knowledge and competence for corporate trust professionals. Sablan completed three Corporate Trust courses to qualify to take the 200 question, four-hour certification exam which she successfully passed in South Carolina

during her final course there.

There are 649 Certified Corporate Trust Specialists in the United States. Sablan becomes the third Certified Corporate Trust Specialist at Bank of Guam, joining Amoretta Carlson, vice president, and Joe Bradley, senior vice president.

For additional information, contact Jackie Marati at 472-5258 or jackie.marati@bankofguam.com. **(BOG)**



Sablan

# Nation

## Ohio school rape trial closing, verdict Sunday

**STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP)**—The accuser in the rape trial of two Ohio high school football players testified Saturday as the trial neared an end that she recalled drinking at a party last summer but could not remember what had happened when she awoke the next day naked in a strange house.

Testimony in the four-day nonjury trial against Trent Mays and Ma'lik Richmond ended after the judge heard from the 16-old West Virginia girl and others in the juvenile court case. Judge Thomas Lipps said he would announce a decision Sunday.

If found delinquent—the juvenile court equivalent of guilty—the two defendants could be held in juvenile jail until they turn 21, when they would be released.

Mays, 17, and Richmond, 16, are charged with digitally

penetrating the girl, first in a car and then in the basement of a house, while out partying Aug. 12. Mays also is charged with illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material. They maintain their innocence.

The case has riveted the small city of Steubenville amid allegations that more students should have been charged and led to questions about the influence of the local football team, a source of pride in a community that suffered massive job losses with the collapse of the steel industry.

The allegations were huge locally for weeks, then became the focus of Internet attention in the fall after hacker activists and bloggers began publishing the names of other students. Attention peaked again after a 12-minute YouTube video resurfaced in January in which a student jokes about the girl,

calling her “dead” and making numerous off-color remarks.

On the stand Saturday, the girl said she remembers drinking at the party, leaving the party holding hands with Mays, then throwing up later. The next thing she remembers is waking up with no clothes on in a strange house, she said. She said she felt scared and embarrassed. Her phone, earrings, shoes, and underwear were missing, she testified.

“It was really scary,” she said. “I honestly did not know what to think because I could not remember anything.”

She recalled being in a car later with Mays and Richmond and asking them what happened.

“They kept telling me I was a hassle and they took care of me,” she testified. “I thought I could trust him (Mays) until I saw the pictures and video.”

## Rockefeller impostor on trial for murder

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—To his neighbors in an upscale Pasadena suburb, he was the man from nowhere, a newcomer who joined the church, ingratiated himself to elderly residents and called himself Chris Chichester.

They invited the stranger into their homes in San Marino, shared dinners with him and thought of him as a friend.

But he seemed to have no past and, when he suddenly vanished, it left everyone puzzled. The town folks didn't immediately connect him with the disappearance of two other residents, Linda and John Sohus, who lived in the house where Chichester was a tenant.

That was 1985, the start of a wide-ranging odyssey across America for the man who would also call himself Christopher Crowe, Chip Smith and, most notoriously, Clark

Rockefeller, a pretender to the fabled oil fortune.

Now he has another identity, his birth name: Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter (GAYR'-hahrtz-ry-tur), a German immigrant who is charged with murder in one of the most bizarre cold cases to hit the district attorney's office in years.

Already serving time for the kidnapping of his young daughter in a Boston custody dispute, Gerhartsreiter was close to the end of his sentence and headed for freedom when the murder charge changed that. After a quarter century, authorities believed they had linked him to the disappearance of his old neighbor, John Sohus.

His trial, set for opening statements this week, will write the most important chapter in his colorful story, determining if he walks free or spends his life in prison.

“He is upbeat and he's looking for closure,” defense attorney Jeffrey Denner. “He's been in limbo with this case for so long. Of course he'd like it to be resolved in his favor.”

He is charged with murdering Sohus, a 27-year-old computer programmer who was linked to bones unearthed from the backyard of the home where he lived and Gerhartsreiter was a tenant. No trace has been found of Sohus' wife, Linda.

The prosecution is based on the bag of bones, traces of blood found in the cottage where Gerhartsreiter lived and the admittedly fuzzy memories of long ago acquaintances. It is a classic cold case.

Whether the highly circumstantial evidence will convince a jury remains to be seen. Deputy District Attorney Habib Balian said after a preliminary hearing that “the age of the case poses some challenges,” but he's confident of a fair verdict.



Rockefeller

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Pa. lacrosse team bus crashes; pregnant coach dies

**CARLISLE, Pa. (AP)**—A road trip by a college women's lacrosse team came to a horrifying end Saturday when the team bus veered off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and crashed into a tree, killing a pregnant coach, her unborn child and the driver and injuring numerous others. Seton Hill University team players and coaches were among the 23 people aboard when the bus crashed just before 9 a.m. No other vehicle was involved, and police couldn't immediately say what caused the crash. Coach Kristina Quigley, 30, of Greensburg, was flown to a hospital but died there of her injuries, Cumberland County authorities said. Quigley was about six months pregnant and her unborn child didn't survive, authorities said. The bus driver, Anthony

Guaetta, 61, of Johnstown, died at the scene.

#### Suspect in NY slaying, child rape beaten in jail

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)**—A man accused of killing a Syracuse woman and raping her 10-year-old daughter during a carjacking was beaten and suffered a broken nose on his first day in jail, authorities said. David Renz had a swollen face and tissues stuffed up both nostrils when he appeared in federal court Friday to face a probation violation charge. “I have a broken nose,” he told his lawyer, according to The Post-Standard in Syracuse. His attorneys, James Greenwald and Kenneth Moynihan, said Renz was assaulted by other inmates at the Onondaga County Justice Center, where he was taken following his arrest Thursday night.

# Asia

## China leaders pledge clean government, less waste

**BEIJING (AP)**—China's new leaders pledged to run a cleaner, more efficient government and slash spending on official perks Sunday as the ceremonial legislature wrapped up a pivotal session to install a new leadership in a once-a-decade transfer of power.

The transition that began in November under strict orchestration by China's ruling Communist Party has taken place at time of lower estimates of future economic growth and rising public anger over massive corruption, waste, and extravagant spending that are exasperating a yawning wealth gap.

President Xi Jinping told the nearly 3,000 delegates gathered at Beijing's hulking Great Hall of the People that his government would "resolutely reject formalism, bureaucratism, hedonism and extravagance, and resolutely fight against corruption and other misconduct in all manifestations."

Shortly afterward, freshly appointed Premier Li Keqiang said the central government would slash its payroll and freeze spending on overseas trips, guest houses, office buildings and new vehicles in response to falling revenues.

"The central government will lead by example and all local governments must follow suit," Li said in his first major appearance before domestic and international media.

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**BEIJING (AP)**—China's new premier says his government is committed to strong relations with the U.S. and sees a



Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, and Premier Li Keqiang arrive at a plenary session of the National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Saturday, March 16, 2013.

**strong outlook for trade and investment between the sides.**

Li Keqiang told reporters at a Sunday news conference that despite their differences, conflict between the world's first and second largest economies is not inevitable. China's new leaders "attach great importance" to relations with the U.S. and will work with Barack Obama's administration to move ties into a new stage, Li said.

**Two-way trade hit almost \$500 billion last, although disputes linger over Chinese trade practices, opposition to Chinese investment in the U.S. and complaints over alleged Chinese computer hacking.**

Li was speaking in his first news conference since being appointed premier last week with primary responsibility for running the Chinese economy.

## PH set to open \$1 billion casino-resort

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines will become one of the biggest gambling centers in the world, vying with Macau, Singapore and Las Vegas for Asia's high rollers, officials of a \$1 billion casino resort opening in Manila this weekend said Thursday.

Studies project that the country's gambling revenue of \$1.9 billion will rise to \$6 billion, which is currently what Singapore's two casinos generate, in about five years, said Michael French, chief operating officer of the Solaire Resort and Casino.

Solaire will open on Saturday as one the country's biggest hotel-casino complexes in ceremonies to be attended by President Benigno Aquino III, who is targeting 10 million tourists by 2016.

It has 500 hotel rooms, 1,200 slot machines and 295 gaming tables, including those in private rooms with a view of Manila Bay for high rollers. It has eight restaurants, a spa, a night club, and will have a 1,800-seat Broadway-type theater, French said.

It is the first of four such developments in the \$4 billion Entertainment City being built on a 100-hectare (247-acre) property reclaimed from Manila Bay. The flagship of Bloomberry Resorts Corp. is majority owned by one of the Philippines' wealthiest men, container ports operator Enrique Razon.

The Entertainment City development is potential employment and economic bonanza for the Philippines. Its reputation as a tourist destination has been tarnished by reports of crime, including kidnappings, alongside insurgent violence and the operation of a notorious militant Islamic group in the country's south.

The country has not yet recovered from the drop in the number of visitors from Hong Kong following the killing of eight tourists from the Chinese administrative region by a dismissed police officer in Manila in August 2010, just two months after Aquino took office.

The hotel-casino currently has 4,500 employees and will

employ about 500 more, French said. About half of the staff work for the casino, including 400 senior officers who have worked for years in casinos in Macau, Singapore and in cruise liners, he said.

French said the hotel-casino will offer an "East meets West" venue, combining "the glitz and grandeur and the sparkle of Las Vegas" and the "Macau experience" of VIP gambling.

He said the Philippines' 15 percent tax on casino operations compared to 40 percent in Macau is the country's main attraction, especially for junket operators who will earn a bigger margin here when they bring in the high rollers from Southeast Asia and China.

"For those who are in the gaming business, which is what fuels Macau, this is a better financial deal for them," he said.

Lorraine Koo, vice president for business development, said Solaire is "more inclined" toward international players and 61 of 100 VIP tables have been set aside for junket clients.

# World

## Pope explains name, urges 'church for the poor'

**VATICAN CITY (AP)**—The focus of Pope Francis' papacy began to emerge Saturday as he offered some intimate insights into the conclave that elected him pontiff, describing how he was immediately inspired to name himself after St. Francis of Assisi because he wants to see a church that is "for the poor."

His comments provided further evidence that this first Latin American papacy would be one that looks beyond the confines of the church itself to the most disadvantaged, named for a 13th-century friar who renounced a wealthy, dissolute lifestyle to embrace a life of poverty and simplicity and go out in the countryside to preach a message of joy and peace.

"Let me tell you a story,"

Pope Francis began in a break from his prepared text during an audience for a few thousand journalists and Vatican communications officials in the Vatican's auditorium.

Francis then described how during the conclave he was comforted by his friend, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, as the votes were going his way and it seemed "a bit dangerous" that he would reach the two-thirds necessary to be elected.

When the threshold was reached, applause erupted in the frescoed Sixtine Chapel.

"He (Hummes) hugged me. He kissed me. He said, 'Don't forget about the poor!'" Francis recalled.

"And those words came to me: The poor. The poor. Then right away, thinking of the poor, I thought of Francis of

Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars as the votes were being counted, until the end. Francis is also the man of peace. That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi."

The pope said some have wondered whether his name was a reference to other Franciscan figures, including St. Frances de Sales or even the co-founder of the pope's own Jesuit order, Francis Xavier. But he said the inspiration was Francis of Assisi.

Sitting in the vast Vatican auditorium, Francis continued: "For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation. These days we don't have a very good relationship with creation, do we?" he said. "He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man."

"Oh how I would like a church which is poor and for the poor!" Francis said, sighing.



Pope Francis

## High-ranking Syrian general defects from army

**BEIRUT (AP)**—One of the highest-ranking military officers yet to abandon Syrian President Bashar Assad defected to neighboring Jordan and said in an interview aired Saturday that morale among those still inside the regime had collapsed.

In another setback for the Assad regime, a leading human rights group accused Syria's government of stepping up its use of widely banned cluster munitions, which often kill and wound civilians.

The twin blows illustrated the slowly spreading cracks appearing in Assad's regime as well as its deepening international isolation. While few analysts expect the civil war between Assad's forces and rebels seeking his oust-

er to end soon, most say it appears impossible for the 4-decade-old regime to continue to rule Syria.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Ezz al-Din Khalouf announced his defection from Assad's regime in a video aired Saturday on the Al-Arabiya satellite channel. It showed him sitting next to his son, Capt. Ezz al-Din Khalouf, who defected with him.

The elder Khalouf said that many of those with Assad's regime have lost faith in it, yet continue to do their jobs, allowing Assad to demonstrate broad support.

"It's not an issue of belief or practicing one's role," he said. "It's for appearance's sake, for the regime to present an image to the international community that it pulls

together all parts of Syrian society under this regime."

He also said fighters from the Lebanese military group Hezbollah were fighting in Syria in "more than one place," but did not give further details.

The Syrian government did not immediately comment on the defection. It portrays the uprising as a foreign-backed conspiracy to weaken Syria being carried out by terrorists on the ground.

Seif al-Hourani, an activist from one of the rebel groups that helped get Khalouf and his family out of the country, said via Skype that Khalouf's son made contact with rebels about six months ago and leaked them information before he asked for help getting the family out of Syria.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Honduras police accused of death squad killings

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)**—The operation was quick and under the cover of night. Armed, masked men arrived in late-model SUVs, getting through the gate into the small neighborhood of humble homes. Without firing a shot, witnesses said, they took Kevin Samraid Carranza Padilla, 28, known in the gang world as "Teiker," and his girlfriend, Cindy Yadira Garcia, 19. The next morning, Jan. 10, Honduras' major newspaper, El Heraldo, reported that police had captured Carranza, a leader of the 18th Street gang suspected in the shooting death of a police commander months earlier. It also published a photo of a shirtless, tattooed young man lying on the ground, his hands behind his back, his face partially wrapped in blue duct tape, the roll still attached. Carranza's mother, Blanca Alvarado, recognized him from his tattoos. The photo was distributed to media by a police prosecutor, according to three sources

who didn't want to be named for security reasons. Soon after, agents at the national criminal investigations office acknowledged that there was a detention order for Carranza, and he had been brought in.

#### Jews in Greece mark WWII Nazi deportation

**THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)**—Jewish residents of this northern Greek city on Saturday marked the 70th anniversary of the roundup and deportation of its Jews to Nazi extermination camps during World War II. Several hundred people gathered at Thessaloniki's Freedom Square, where the first group of Jews was rounded up by the occupying German forces on March 15, 1943. The crowd held a moment of silence, then marched to the city's old railway station, where the first trains departed for the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp complex. A short ceremony was held at the station and flowers laid on the tracks.

Health & Fitness

Applying for Obama health care plan not easy

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Applying for benefits under President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul could be as daunting as doing your taxes.

The government’s draft application runs 15 pages for a three-person family. An outline of the online version has 21 steps, some with additional questions.

Seven months before the Oct. 1 start of enrollment season for millions of uninsured Americans, the idea that getting health insurance could be as easy as shopping online at Amazon or Travelocity is starting to look like wishful thinking.

At least three major federal agencies, including the IRS, will scrutinize your application. Checking your identity, income and citizenship is supposed to happen in real time, if you apply online.

That’s just the first part of the process, which lets you know if you qualify for financial help. The government asks to see what you’re making because Obama’s Affordable Care Act is means-tested, with lower-income people getting the most generous help to pay premiums.

Once you’re finished with the money part, actually picking a health plan will require additional steps, plus a basic understanding of insurance jargon.

And it’s a mandate, not a suggestion. The law says virtually all Americans must carry health insurance starting next year, although most will just keep the coverage they now have through their jobs, Medicare or Medicaid.

Some are concerned that a lot of uninsured people will be overwhelmed and simply give up.

“This lengthy draft application will take a considerable amount of time to fill out and will be difficult for many people to be able to complete,” said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, an advocacy group supporting the health care law. “It does not get you to the selection of a plan.”

“When you combine those two processes, it is enormously time consuming and complex,” added Pollack. He’s calling for the government to simplify the form and, more important, for an army of counselors to help uninsured people navigate the new system. It’s unclear who would pay for these navigators.

Drafts of the paper application and a 60-page description of the online version were quietly posted online by the Health and Human Services Department, seeking feedback from industry and consumer groups. Those materials, along with a recent HHS presentation to insurers, run counter to the vision of simplicity promoted by administration officials.

“We are not just signing up for a dating service here,” said Sam Karp, a vice president of the California HealthCare Foundation, who nonetheless gives the administration high marks for distilling it all into a workable form. Karp was part of an independent group that separately designed a model application.

The government estimates its online application will take a half hour to complete, on average. If you need a break, or have to gather supporting documents, you can save your work and come back later. The

paper application is estimated to take an average of 45 minutes.

The new coverage starts next Jan. 1. Uninsured people will apply through new state-based markets, also called exchanges.

Middle-class people will be eligible for tax credits to help pay for private insurance plans, while low-income people will be steered to safety-net programs like Medicaid.

Because of opposition to the health care law in some states, the federal government will run the new insurance markets in about half the states.



And states that reject the law’s Medicaid expansion will be left with large numbers of poor people uninsured. HHS estimates it will receive more than 4.3 million

A draft copy of the 21-page of a Health and Human Services Department form proposed for use to apply for low-cost insurance from Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program is photographed in Washington, Tuesday March 12, 2013.

applications for financial assistance in 2014, with online applications accounting for about 80 percent of them. Because families can apply together, the government estimates 16 million people will be served.

Personal Trainer

Test your 'explosive power'

These tests are often used for judging the potential of basketball and baseball players, but the skills they measure are useful in many sports.

Long jump from standing start

Spread feet slightly, swing your arms, bend your knees and jump with both feet

Measure jump, rest and jump twice more; look up your longest jump below

	Poor	Below average	Average	Good	Excellent
Males	79 in. (2 m)	91 in. (2.3 m)	98 in. (2.5 m)	106 in. (2.7 m)	118 in. (3 m)
Females	67 in. (1.7 m)	75 in. (1.9 m)	87 in. (2.2 m)	98 in. (2.5 m)	110 in. (2.8 m)

High jump from standing start

Mark wall with chalk as high as you can reach, bend knees, jump as high as possible and mark again

Measure between the marks, rest and jump twice more

	Poor	Below average	Average	Good	Excellent
Males	18 in. (46 cm)	20 in. (50 cm)	22 in. (55 cm)	24 in. (60 cm)	26 in. (65 cm)
Females	14 in. (36 cm)	16 in. (40 cm)	18 in. (45 cm)	20 in. (50 cm)	22 in. (55 cm)

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On Saturday, March 16, 2013, our dearly beloved

Naomi Therese DeLeon Guerrero Benjamin

was called by our Heavenly Father to her new and eternal home at the tender age of 21.

Mass for the repose of her soul is being offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Prayer of the Holy Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00 p.m. also at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Funeral service will be announced later.

Thank you all, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Kalangan for your presence, thoughts, and prayers.

Nick, Elaine, Children, and Family

# Life & Style

## AUCTION HOUSE

# We found Titanic violin



In this undated photo provided by Henry Aldridge on Friday, March 15, 2013 shows the violin that was played by the bandmaster of the Titanic as the oceanliner sank, Devizes, England.

**LONDON (AP)**—The violin played by the bandmaster of the Titanic as the oceanliner sank has been unearthed, a British auction house said Friday.

Survivors of the Titanic have said they remember the band, led by Wallace Hartley, playing on deck even as passengers boarded lifeboats after the ship hit an iceberg.

Hartley's violin was believed lost in the 1912 disaster, but auctioneers Henry Aldridge & Son say an instrument unearthed in 2006 and has undergone rigorous testing and proven to be Hartley's.

"It's been a long haul," said auctioneer Andrew Aldridge, explaining the find had initially seemed "too good to be true."

The auction house spent the past seven years and thousands of pounds determining the water-stained violin's origins, consulting numerous experts including government forensic scientists and Oxford University.

The auction house said the rose wood instrument has two

long cracks on its body, but is "incredibly well-preserved" despite its age and exposure to the sea. It estimated the violin

is worth six figures.

Hartley was one of the 1,517 people who perished when the Titanic struck an iceberg 350

miles (565 kilometers) south of Newfoundland on April 15, 1912.

Some reports at the time sug-

gested Hartley's corpse was found fully dressed with his instrument strapped to his body, though there was also specula-

tion the violin floated off and was lost at sea.

Henry Aldridge and Son said it researched the violin's story with a Hartley biographer as the instrument underwent forensic testing, uncovering documents that showed Hartley was found with a large leather valise strapped to him and the violin inside.

The violin apparently was returned to Hartley's grieving fiancée, the auction house said, and later ended up in the hands of the Salvation Army before being given to a violin teacher and ultimately Henry Aldridge & Son.

Testing by the U.K. Forensic Science Service showed corrosion deposits were considered "compatible with immersion in sea water," while a silver expert studied a plate on the violin's neck to determine if it fit the time profile.

Henry Aldridge & Son said the violin will go on public display at the end of the month at Belfast City Hall, less than a mile from where Titanic was built.

## Dixie Chicks' Maines moving on as solo artist

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—Natalie Maines is starting out nervous on stage, almost 10 years to the day that the Dixie Chicks spitfire slammed then-President George W. Bush and forever changed the fate and fortunes of the country superstars.

On this night she barely speaks between songs.

Her hair slicks up in a punkish pompadour. She looks slimmer than when the Dixie Chicks began a hiatus in 2007 that may never end. The crowd

at the South by Southwest music festival to hear Maines perform her solo debut "Mother" for only the second time is a healthy size, but it is also far from a packed house.

"We missed you, Natalie!" one fan hollers.

Maines smiles but doesn't banter back.

"I ask myself, 'Why is that? What are you doing, girl?'" Maines told The Associated Press the next morning at a downtown Austin hotel. "I think

right now I have so much to remember. This is the most guitar I've ever had to play."

Now 38 and a solo artist for the first time in her career, Maines is candid about the past and guarded about the future. Asked whether the Dixie Chicks will ever record new music again, she curls in her chair with tense energy and declines to predict.

"I think I thought time would heal and that I would come around. But just like the song

says, I'm still waiting," said Maines, pulling a lyric from the band's defiant 2006 smash single "Not Ready to Make Nice."

Fellow Chicks Emily Erwin and Martie Maguire don't needle her to reunite in the studio, Maines said, but she acknowledges that choosing the solo project "Mother" as her first album since 2006 may not have been their first choice. "I'm pretty sure they would rather I be making a Dixie Chicks record, but they would never say

that, thank God," Maines said.

Now rehash her takedown of then-President Bush in 2003 and—well, on second thought, don't bother.

Maines does that herself.

"Good thing I'm not a told ya so kind of person or I might point out that 10 years ago today I said GWB was full of bull and I was right," she tweeted on March 10, three days before her first South

by Southwest performance.

When the Texas-born Maines told a London crowd at the start of the Iraq invasion she was ashamed to be from the same state as Bush, the Dixie Chicks became pariahs of the country music industry that vaulted them to stardom. Radio stations blackballed the Dixie Chicks from playlists and legions of fans turned their backs.

## Long-lost essay by 'Dr. Jekyll' author published

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Robert Louis Stevenson is the author of "Treasure Island" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," some of the most thrilling stories in literary history. But in a newly discovered essay, he says he was often bored by the fiction of his day.

"In the trash that I have no doubt you generally read, a vast number of people will probably get shot and stabbed and drowned; and you have only a very slight excitement for your money," Stevenson wrote.

"But if you want to know what a murder really is—to have a murder brought right home to you—you must read of one in the writings of a great writer. Read 'Macbeth,' for example, or still better, get someone to read it aloud to you; and I think I can promise you what people call a 'sensation.'"

Stevenson's criticisms appear in a brief, long-lost essay published Friday in The Strand Magazine, a quarterly based in Birmingham, Mich. that has published obscure texts by Mark Twain, Graham Greene

and other famous authors.

Apparently part of a larger work, the piece is titled "Books and Reading. No. 2. How books have to be written." The Strand managing editor Andrew Gulli said that essay "No. 1" was auctioned off in 1914, 20 years after the author's death, and never seen again. No. 2 turned up recently at a location very far from Stevenson's native Scotland—the library at Syracuse University.

"There are several guesses as to who it was meant for and why it was not published," Gulli said during a recent interview. "One guess is that it was sent to his stepson Sam or it could have been prepared for a young adult magazine called Young Folks but it was never published in that magazine."

Stevenson devotes most of the essay to the art of capturing or even simulating reality on paper, a puzzle that Virginia Woolf and other 20th century modernists would attempt to solve. He notes that storytelling almost inevitably makes life seem more awful, more wonderful or more heroic. The writer leaves "all the dullness out."

## Green Day's Armstrong upbeat in lively SXSW show

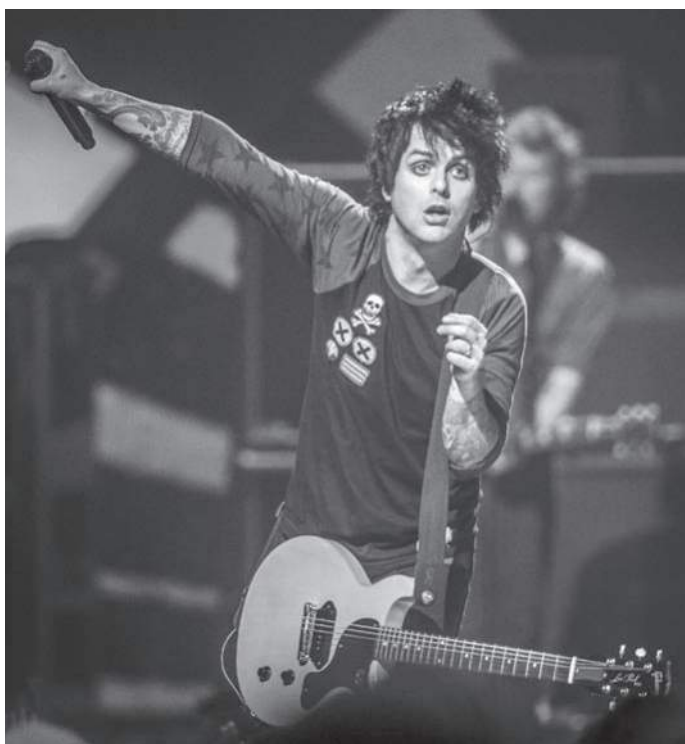
**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—Green Day isn't talking about the recent rocky past, but they're playing like the old days.

An upbeat Billie Joe Armstrong whipped the Grammy-winning punk trio through an ear-splitting two-hour show Friday night at the South by Southwest Music Festival, returning to the stage for only the second time since Armstrong emerged from a rehab stint that caused the band to postpone an arena tour.

The 41-year-old Armstrong made no mention of his problems with substance abuse while playfully bantering with a nearly sold-out crowd Moody Theater and ripping through a 25-song marathon. The energetic set mixed new rockers from the "Uno!" "Dos!" "Tre!" trilogy the band rolled out last winter and old favorites like "Longview" and "American Idiot."

"This ain't no (expletive) cafe!" Armstrong told the crowd right out of the gate. "Get crazy!"

Armstrong's good spirits



This Sept. 21, 2012 file photo shows Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day on stage at the iHeart Radio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas.

were a sharp contrast to his profane meltdown at the iHeart Radio Music Festival in Las Vegas in September, when he

complained the band's time was being cut short and smashed his guitar. Two days later, Green Day announced Armstrong was

headed to treatment for substance abuse.

His cheery chatting with the audience at the showcase SXSW gig did include one moment when, while apparently encountering a hiccup with his microphone, Armstrong quipped, "I wasn't even on drugs," while laughing.

Green Day is among the marquee acts at SXSW this year along with Justin Timberlake, Dave Grohl and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. The weeklong festival turns out the lights Saturday when Prince is scheduled to play an intimate finale for just a few hundred guests at a small Austin club.

Green Day didn't just swing into Texas for a warm-up show before their delayed tour finally begins March 28 in Chicago. The band also walked a red carpet earlier Friday for the premiere of the documentary "Broadway Idiot," which chronicles Green Day turning their 2004 career-reviving album "American Idiot" into a musical.

# Carrey gets serious about career, grandparenthood

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Jim Carrey has delivered more than his share of great performances. But this undercover act wasn't one of them.

While receiving press in a Las Vegas hotel room, he was wearing large sunglasses and a sparking gold patchwork blazer.

"This is my Vegas camouflage," he joked. "If I walk

around town in this (jacket) no one can see me. It's fantastic. It's the way I blend in in this town. Isn't it nice? I mugged Gustav Klimt," Carrey said, referring to the Austrian painter whose early 20th century works featured gold galore.

That's about as funny as Carrey would get on this day in Sin City promoting "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone,"

opening Friday. The Vegas-set comedy is about a burned-out old-school magician (Steve Carell) threatened by a newcomer (Carrey) who'll literally risk his life to wow audiences and attain fame.

"This is the guy with the Christ complex," Carrey explained. "This is the guy who looks at other people like he knows everything and they

know nothing, and their problems amuse him."

It is perhaps the darkest character that Carrey has ever delivered in an out-and-out comedy.

"I could never be the type of person who thinks, 'Now this works. So, I'm just going to do this forever,'" Carrey said.

It's just the latest transformation for Carrey, who last

year had a solo exhibition of his paintings and now has a children's book on the way—something Carrey said he did in part for his grandson, born to Carrey's daughter Erin in February 2010.

"Sometimes when you go to a movie, that can be that. But when you read your kid a story, that is just a little slice of heaven," he said.

Carrey's also making music, having teamed with indie-rock band The Eels for his new single, "Cold Dead Hand," which has an anti-gun theme. "Charlton Heston would not like it," Carrey commented.

"You know, I'm always risking it and pushing it," Carrey said. "I've got nowhere to go. I have no other options. I don't have a trade."

## Gomez in an 'awkward' transition with 'Breakers'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—"A little awkward" is how Selena Gomez describes her transition from Disney girl to Disney girl gone wild in the new R-rated independent film "Spring Breakers," in which she plays a bikini-clad and heavily armed college student bent on a good time with three friends and some drugs, sex and violence.

"I am getting a little bit older, so I wanted to push myself and kind of get into a little bit more of an indie world. And it was a really great experience for me. And at the same time it has been, of course, a little awk-

ward, but great," the 20-year-old Gomez said Thursday at the film's Hollywood premiere.

Known for her role on Disney's "Wizards of Waverly Place," Gomez actually began moving to a faster track as Justin Bieber's now ex-girlfriend. "Honestly, it's been a weird transition. You never really know what's right or wrong and you can only do the best you can," she said.

Directed by art-house favorite Harmony Korine and also starring James Franco and Vanessa Hudgens of Disney's "High School Musical" fame, "Spring

Breakers" follows four young women on a Florida coast vacation romp they financed with a diner robbery.

Some of Gomez's young fans were gathered outside the ArcLight Theatre hoping to catch a glimpse of the star. But she warned them not to go inside.

"I think they're really here to see me. I don't think they're here to see the movie," she said. "This was a little bit different. So yes, they shouldn't go see this."

Gomez is also getting attention these days for her own recent reactions to her split with

Bieber. A breakup song from her new album called "Rule The World" just leaked on the Internet. "Our love was made to rule

the world. You came and broke the perfect girl," she sings.

Commenting on the song, Gomez would only say, "That's

not my first single. But it was a song I recorded. But you'll get to know my album a little bit soon—sooner than later."



Selena Gomez arrives at the LA premiere of "Spring Breakers" at the ArcLight Hollywood on Thursday, March 14, 2013 in Los Angeles. AP

## Future dad Buble not worried about album sales

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Michael Buble has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, "It's a Beautiful Day."

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued.

"I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Buble married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They announced in January they're expecting their first child, and his publicist confirmed Thursday the couple are expecting a son.

Most of Buble's albums have reached multiplatinum status, and his last three releases have hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart, including the triple platinum "Christmas," the second best-selling album of 2011 behind Adele's "21."

His new album, "To Be Loved," will be released April 23. It finds the Grammy win-

ner covering songs by the Bee Gees, Dean Martin and Elvis Presley, as well as collaborating with Reese Witherspoon. It also features four original songs, including a tribute to his wife called "Close Your Eyes."

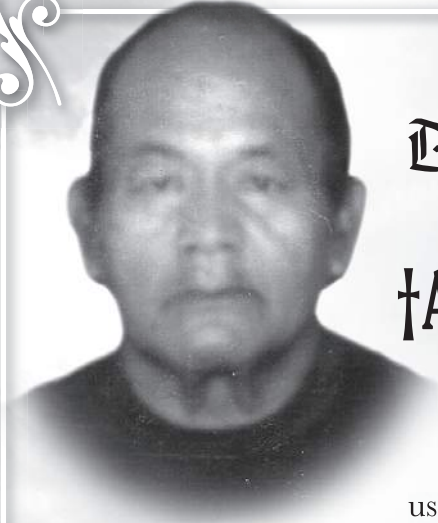
"It's a Beautiful Day" is about a man who is happy because his failing romantic relationship has finally ended. So who inspired the song?

"Harry Styles," the 37-year-old Buble replied jokingly, referring to the One Direction band member who dated Taylor Swift.

"Harry Styles," Buble said again, feigning heartbreak. "He left me for Taylor. I'll be writing about her, too, soon."



In this June 29, 2012 file photo, singer Michael Buble and his wife, Argentine TV actress Luisana Lopilato, pose at the Nordoff Robbins 02 Silver Clef Awards at London Hilton, in London. AP



## First Year Death Anniversary

*In loving Memory of*  
**†Antonio Omar Camacho**

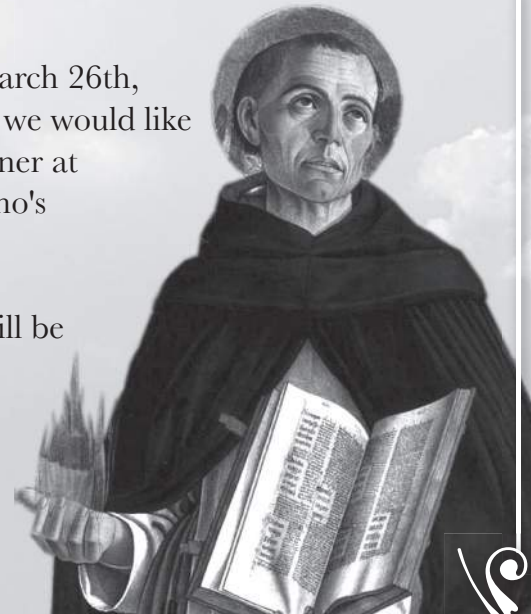
*We*, the family, humbly invite  
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life. Daily Mass of intention is being offered at Santa Remedios  
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residence in Tanapag.

Your presence and prayers will be  
greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu na  
Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Ginen I Familia**



# Lil Wayne 'recovering' in hospital

Lil Wayne has been hospitalized, but according to his camp and his official Twitter account—he's OK.

The multiplatinum rapper was hospitalized in Los Angeles on Friday and reps confirmed he was "recovering." He apparently tweeted to his fans from his official account on Friday night: "I'm good everybody. Thx for the prayers and love."

A person close to the superstar's camp who asked for anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter confirmed to The Associated Press that Lil Wayne had a seizure. He has a history of seizures in recent years that have led to previous hospital visits.

While there were some reports that Lil Wayne was fighting for his life, members of his Young Money camp denied it on Twitter.

Before the tweet from Lil Wayne's account, rapper Mack Maine tweeted: "Wayne is alive



In this Feb. 1, 2013 file photo, recording artist Lil Wayne meets fans and celebrates his contemporary street wear apparel brand TRUKFIT at his hometown Macy's, in New Orleans.

and well! We watching the Syracuse game...thanks for the prayers and concern. he will update you all soon."

Rapper Birdman, Lil Wayne's mentor, also downplayed reports that Lil Wayne was in grave condition, tweeting: My son is in good spirit..feelin

much betta...be home soon."

The 30-year-old New Orleans native, whose given name is Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., is one of the biggest stars of not only his genre but in all music. He's due to release his 10th album, "I Am Not a Human Being," on March 26. (AP)

## Bieber rants about 'lies' in Instagram post

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Bieber has taken to Instagram to unload frustration over what he says are the "countless lies" being circulated about him.

In a passionate post Thursday, Bieber wrote that he's "tired of all the countless lies in the press right now," denying rumors

that he's going to rehab. Bieber railed against those he perceives as against him, writing that "I'm 19 and it must be scary to some people to think that this is just the beginning."

The pop star originally ended the post with a jab at Lindsay Lohan, suggesting any com-

parison between the two was wrong. Before deleting the line, he wrote, "Look at her 2012 tax statements."

Bieber recently collapsed backstage during a London concert, tussled with paparazzi and canceled a performance in Portugal.

## Colin Trevorrow to direct 'Jurassic Park 4'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Colin Trevorrow is taking the reins of "Jurassic Park."

Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment announced Thursday that the 36-year-old director will helm "Jurassic Park 4."

Trevorrow made his feature film directorial debut with last

year's "Safety Not Guaranteed."

Steven Spielberg is executive producing "Jurassic Park 4," which is set for release in 3-D on June 13, 2014. The script was written by "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" screenwriters Rick Jaffa and Amanda Silver.

The first two "Jurassic Park" films were directed by Spiel-

berg, while the third installment was helmed by "Captain America" director Joe Johnston.

The dinosaur franchise has grossed \$1.9 billion at the box office worldwide since the first film was released in 1993.

The original "Jurassic Park" will be rereleased in theaters April 5 in 3-D.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### X Factor musical to hit London stage

LONDON (AP)—Simon Cowell is bringing "The X Factor"—or a version of it—from television screens to the London stage in early 2014. The acerbic judge's firm, Syco Entertainment, is co-producing a musical spoof written by Harry Hill and directed by Sean Foley about the popular televised singing contest. Syco and Stage Entertainment say that "X Factor: It's Time to Face the Musical!" will be an "affectionate poke" at the talent show. The firms said Friday the show will include 19 new songs, and that casting and the theater have yet to be confirmed. "The X Factor" launched in Britain in 2004 and in the U.S. in fall 2011.

#### Morrissey cancels N. American tour due to illness

NEW YORK (AP)—Health concerns are forcing Morrissey to cancel his North American

tour. In a statement released Friday night, his representative says the British singer has to take a break after suffering a series of maladies, including double pneumonia, a bleeding ulcer and a gastrointestinal problem called Barrett's esophagus. Fans can get refunds where they purchased their tickets. Morrissey thanked fans for their well wishes. Morrissey had to cancel performances earlier this month because of his pneumonia.

#### Country singer McGraw playing first UK show

LONDON (AP)—Tim McGraw is taking to the UK stage for the first time Saturday night. The Grammy-winning music star is headlining a two-day concert called "Country To Country" at London's O2 Arena. Sugarland's Kristian Bush, Little Big Town and Vince Gill will also be playing. On Sunday, Carrie Underwood will top the bill, with LeAnn Rimes and

Darius Rucker also performing. McGraw says he's been to London a few times before, but he's really excited to finally play here because of its musical history. And while he's busy singing, his wife Faith Hill and their daughters are making the most of the family trip by going sightseeing.

#### Ed Asner of 'Lou Grant' released from hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ed Asner's publicist says the 83-year-old actor is out of a Chicago-area hospital after being diagnosed with exhaustion. Publicist Charles Sherman says Asner was released Thursday and plans to fly home to Los Angeles. He likely will postpone some performances of his touring one-man stage show. On Tuesday night, Asner was taken off stage in Gary, Ind., and went by ambulance to the unidentified hospital. Asner just completed filming several episodes of the TV series "The Glades"

## Argentine publisher reissues book on Pope Francis

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The naming of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope Francis has inspired the enthusiasm not only of many Roman Catholics, but also of a publisher planning to re-launch a book about him by his official biographer, Sergio Rubin.

"The Jesuit. Conversations with Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio" will be reissued Tuesday as "The Jesuit. The story of Francisco, The Argentine Pope," said Maria Estomba, a spokeswoman for the Argentine branch of the Spanish publishing house Ediciones B.

Ediciones B now owns the Latin American publishing group Vergara, which in 2010 issued the original Spanish-language book.

The book is based on two years of conversations Rubin and a fellow journalist, Francesca Ambroguetti, held with then-Cardinal Bergoglio, but isn't strictly a biography, Estomba said.

The publishing house has plans in the future to translate the book into several other languages, she said.

In addition to being the subject of this and potentially numerous other books in the future, Bergoglio has authored several of his own, including "Corruption and Sin," and "On Heaven and Earth," co-written with Rabbi Abraham Skorka. He also edited "Dialogues between John Paul II and Fidel Castro," written by Pope John Paul II.

## Ex-wife's son is painful reminder of unhappy past

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced when my son was 9. He's now 24. My ex-wife married the man she had been having an affair with and they have a 12-year-old son. I am also remarried and in a good place in my life.

For the past two years, my son has brought his half brother to our beach house for a weekend of fun. We honored this request and enjoy time with our son, but it is difficult having his half brother in my home. It brings up emotions I thought I had put behind me years ago.

I do not want these visits to continue, and I need to communicate this. I'd like to have an adult conversation with my son to explain the situation. How much do I tell him about my emotional reasons without being negative about his mom?

I also don't think he should have to carry the news to my ex or disappoint a 12-year-old. Should I send a simple note to her and explain that we will no longer host her son?

NEEDS THE RIGHT WORDS

**DEAR NEEDS:** By all means write your ex. Explain that entertaining her son brings up emotions you would rather not have to relive. It's not the boy's fault that he's the flesh-and-blood symbol of his mother's infidelity, but you don't have to have him there if you don't want to.

If you would like to have a man-to-man talk with your son, go ahead and do it. He's an adult. Tell him pretty much the same thing—that having the boy over is painful for you and, therefore, you prefer the beach house visits stop. You are entitled to your feelings, and your son is old enough to appreciate them.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow, as are many of my friends these days. Widowhood is difficult. If you're not prepared, it can be horrible. That's why I'd like to urge women to learn to take care of themselves because the odds are they will be alone sooner or later after the age of 50. Some suggestions:

1. If you haven't already, learn to drive.
2. Learn to pump gas and how to check your tires and the fluids in your car.
3. Learn to use a few basic tools and do home repairs.
4. Pay attention to financial matters such as balancing a checkbook.
5. Know where your records are, what's in them and what information you will need for taxes.
6. Buy a shredder and shred unnecessary papers.
7. Make friends with other women. If you don't, life gets lonely.
8. Be courageous and do what you need to do to be happy.
9. Start to simplify your home. It will free your mind from clutter and, if necessary, allow you to move to smaller quarters.
10. Let your children lead their lives, lead your own and present a cheerful face to the world!

KATHLEEN IN DULUTH, MINN.

**DEAR KATHLEEN:** Those are excellent suggestions, to which I would add how important it is to consult a CPA and a lawyer if your spouse hasn't already shown you what you need to know.

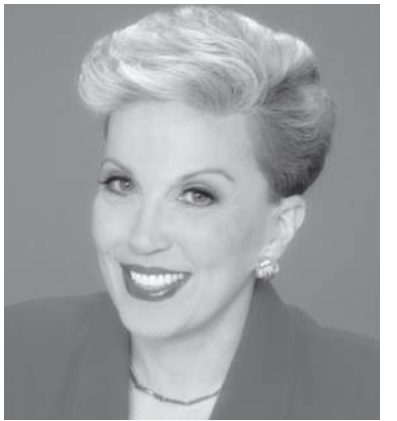
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**A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO MY IRISH READERS:**

May you always have  
A sunbeam to warm you  
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Laughter to cheer you  
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And whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

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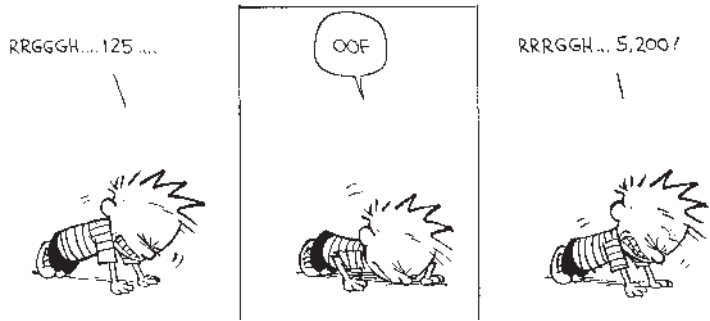
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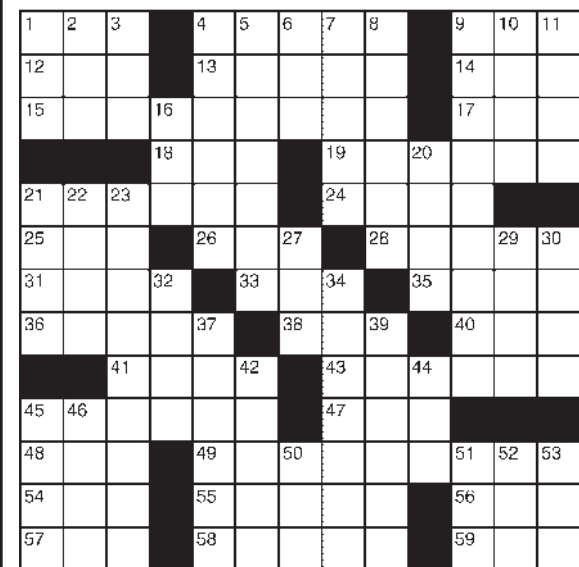
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Friday's answer 3-18



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Lily Collins, 24; Adam Levine, 34; Queen Latifah, 43; Vanessa Williams, 50.

**Happy Birthday:** A little discipline mixed with intuition, creativity and desire will enable you to push an idea into the mainstream. You'll judge others accurately and share your vision precisely. Take a moment to consider the personal improvements you can make to ensure you are at your very best. Love, romance and commitment are in the stars. Your numbers are 4, 11, 14, 22, 25, 31, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Expand your ideas to include past plans with future prospects. Melding the old with the new will be what helps you get ahead. Communication must be precise. There is no room for exaggeration or drama. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Problems while traveling will be frustrating. Leave plenty of time to get to your destination or to meet with people who can influence your future. Integrity will be your ticket to a brighter future. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Keep everything simple. Get your work and responsibilities out of the way. Having time to relax with friends or get involved in physical activities will reduce stress and make you feel good. Keep your expenses down and your promises realistic. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll learn easily and pick up information that will contribute to your advancement. A unique approach to something you enjoy doing can turn

into a prosperous endeavor. Love is in the stars and a partnership can bring you good fortune. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Additional responsibilities will weigh you down. Getting away from routine or demanding people will give you a chance to do your own thing. Focusing on reforms or altering the way you do things will bring you greater success. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Avoid being pushed to do more or give more than you feel you can. Consider a partnership and whether or not you are getting a fair deal. Speak up and you will convince others to see things your way. Love is highlighted. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take a different approach to the way you research or find out information and you will change the dynamics of what you do as well as the way you handle others. Being more authoritative and confident will lead to greater opportunities. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A money matter will concern you if you let someone get away with overspending. Say no if you don't want to contribute to a costly venture. Love is on the rise. Spend quality time with someone special but don't make an unrealistic promise. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Size up your relationships with friends, colleagues and your lover. Make sure the people around you don't have ulterior motives. Address issues that need reform. Altering the way you do things and the people you associate with will pay off. ★★

## EUGENIA LAST

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**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep life simple. As soon as you try to do too much, you will face problems. Good fortune will come from steady work, creativity and letting your intuition guide you to victory. Financial opportunities are present. ★★

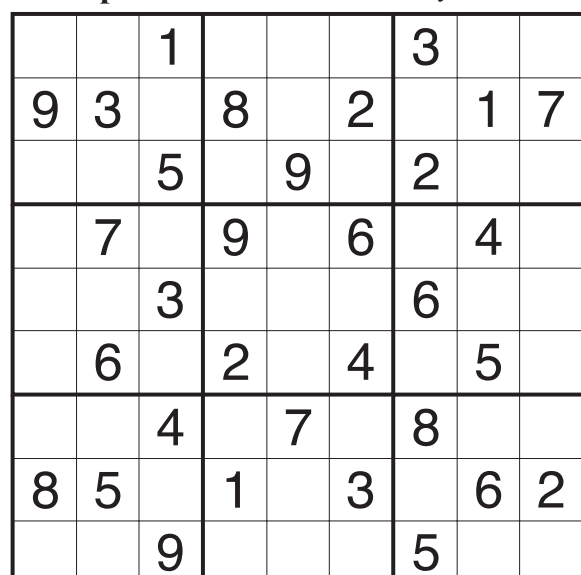
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

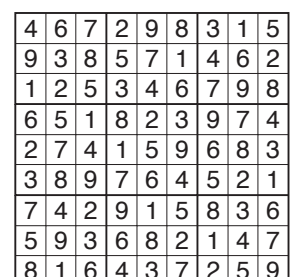


Difficulty Level ★

3/18

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 4 letters



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Last Friday's Answer: Furniture

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Job Vacancy Announcement

Job Vacancy No. 13-018

Opening Date: Friday, 3/15/13  
Closing Date: Thursday, 3/21/13

### Contracting Officer

**DUTIES:** Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer OR his/her designee, the incumbent’s duties and responsibilities are as follows. Organizes and leads teams for small to large and complex procurements, including determining the proper procurement format; digests technical requirements to assemble IFB or RFP solicitations; drafts contracts; and reviews procurement regulations to make determinations on correct procurement procedures. Reviews and prepares a wide variety of technical documents and reports such as construction schedules, impact statements, budgets, disputed accounts, project reports and monthly status reports for contracts. Collects and monitors a wide variety of data to be used in monitoring and reporting. Performs research and conducts studies related to departmental operations to include collecting and gathering data, analyzing data and making recommendations. Serves as a liaison between assigned department and other departments and organizations to develop procurements and assist in the procurement process. Performs special projects related to departmental operations. Gathers and organizes responses and documents for bid protests and appeals. Participates in developing and implementing policies and procedures related to procurement processes and departmental operations, including a contracts tracking system to ensure renewals and new procurements are organized and planned properly. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Either of the following two requirements will satisfy the minimum experience qualifications:

1. Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or a related field and four years of related experience.
2. Law Degree and two years of related experience.

In addition, minimum qualifications include:

**Knowledge of:** Applicable laws, rules and regulations, including the FAR and CNMI/CUC Procurement Regulations; Contract administration principles; Basic budgetary principles; Research methods. **Skill in:** Analyzing data; Conducting studies; Conducting research; Preparing technical reports; Preparing presentations; Drafting policies and procedures; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, and the general public sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. **Licensing or Certification Required:** None required, but having the level three warranted contracting officer certification is preferred.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants also having at least one year of contracting experience for a federal agency with a level three contracting officer warrant are preferred.

**LOCATION:** Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**POSITION:** One (1).

**SALARY:** \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00 per annum; Un-graded and Un-classified.

**CONTRACT:** Two-year; Subject to renewal.

**RELOCATION EXPENSES:**

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**SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter, a list of references, and a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail:  
  
Human Resource Office  
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation  
P. O. Box 501220  
Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA
- \*If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax “or” drop off your package.
2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office. Employment Application drop off is the best submission option.

Applicants from the Contracting Officer job vacancy announcement of JVA No. 11-048 will be considered part of this current announcement. Applicants of 11-048 are requested, however, to update their CUC Employment Applications by contacting the CUC Human Resource Office.

**POLICIES:**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Restaurant General Manager (1)**

**Classification:** Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week  
**Department:** Operations  
**Reports To:** Area General Manager (AGM)

**Summary of Responsibilities**  
Prioritizes, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

**Essential Accountabilities**

- **People:**
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- **Financials:**
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- **Operations:**
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- **Assets:**
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- **Availability**
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

**Other Functions**  
Performs other duties as assigned.

**Required Skills**

- **Analytical:** Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- **Problem Solving:** Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- **Organization & Planning:** Able to organize priorities and develop/ execute plans achieving desired results.
- **Coaching:** Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- **Team Building:** Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

**Education/Experience**  
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

**Physical and/or Medical Requirements**  
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

**Working Conditions**  
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

**Assistant Restaurant General Manager (1)**

**Classification:** Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week  
**Department:** Operations  
**Reports To:** Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

**Summary of Responsibilities**  
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

**Essential Accountabilities**

- **People:**
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- **Financial**
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- **Operations**
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- **Assets:**
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- **Availability**
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

**Other Functions**  
Performs other duties as assigned.

**Education/Experience**  
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

**Physical and/or Medical Requirements**  
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

**Working Conditions**  
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

**Shift Manager (2)**

**Classification:** Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week  
**Department:** Operations  
**Reports To:** Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM) Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

**Summary of Responsibilities**  
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

**Essential Accountabilities**

- **People**
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- **Financial**
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- **Operations**

**EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS:** This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.

**Crew Member (2)**

**Classification:** Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week  
**Department:** Operations  
**Reports To:** Manager In Charge (MIC)

**Summary of Responsibilities**  
Performs a variety of duties that may include the duties of a Telephone Person, Cashier, Register Person, Dough Person, Cut & Pack Cook, Maketable Pizza Preparer, Receiving & Stocking and Lot Person.

**TELEPHONE PERSON**  
Essential Functions

- Answer telephone quickly within Pizza Hut guidelines.
- Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
- Accurately record customer orders on to POS system.
- Communicate to make table personnel any special requests.
- Keep counter and work area clean and organized at all times.

**CASHIER**  
Essential Functions

- Ensures an accurate accounting of all transactions, collections and disbursements during work shift.
- Receives cash drawer at beginning of work shift and verifies the accuracy by counting money in cash drawer.
- Obtains and reviews information regarding price changes or menu specials.
- Greet guests as they enter the dining area or carryout area.
- May take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
- Itemizes and totals guests' food and beverage purchases or may collect food and beverage checks from guests and ring them to the register.
- Collects cash, checks, or charge payments from guests. Makes change for cash transactions, verifies identification for checks and prepares charge voucher for credit card purchases.
- Counts money, checks, and charge payments in cash drawer at end of shift.
- May reconcile checks, cash receipts and charge sales with total sales to verify accuracy of transactions.
- Stocks counters, display refrigerators, salad bar, and steam table neatly, accurately and in a timely fashion as per menu.
- Checks to ensure that all display foods are presented attractively as per standards.
- Displays food under appropriate hot or cold conditions as per standards.
- Keeps display equipment clean and free of debris during meal service, as assigned.
- Cleans workstation thoroughly before leaving area assignment.
- Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

**REGISTER PERSON**  
Essential Functions

- Responsible for providing quick and efficient service to customers.
- Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
- Accurately records customer's orders on to POS system and computes the amount of the bill.
- Serves drinks from dispensing machines or makes and serves hot drinks from water heater or coffee maker.
- Picks up food items from serving bar or storage area. Places items on tray or in take-out containers.
- Checks orders to ensure that guest is receiving a complete and correct order.
- Informs kitchen staff of shortages or special requests.
- Collects payment from guest and makes change.
- Helps with preparation of food in kitchen.
- Helps with getting back up food on line
- Washes dishes.
- Informs manager of stock levels.
- Restocks drink station/supplies, paper.
- Checks supplies in counter area - napkins, crushed peppers and cheese, and restocks items to ensure a sufficient supply throughout shift.
- Wipes off front counter with cleaning solution and clean cloth. Keeps counter and floor clean at all times.
- Cleans and restocks dining room.
- Takes trash out to dumpster.
- Performs long-term maintenance on sidewalks, walls, and equipment.
- Sweeps and keeps exterior lot clean at all times throughout the shift.

**DOUGH PERSON**  
Essential Functions

- Responsible for dough preparedness as prescribed from Manager In Charge
- Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures.
- Selects and transports raw items to work area and back. Stores finished products in proper places.
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare items as procedures require - dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

**CUT & PACK COOK**  
Essential Functions

- Checks workstations for presence of small equipment, assembly materials, paper goods and condiments.
- Responsible for product assembly, checks appearance and calls out preparation times for all orders.
- Monitors oven setting according to Pizza Hut standards.
- Checks all finished products to ensure compliance with Pizza Hut standards.
- Communicates with maketable personnel, front line personnel and MIC for quality controls and feedback.

**MAKETABLE PIZZA PREPARER**  
Essential Functions

- Responsible and required to prepare and assemble all products according to customer's order and according to Pizza Hut portioning specifications.
- Sets up the maketable by checking the worktable, counter, dough cabinets, and line refrigeration to ensure they are properly stocked prior to the meal production period.
- Checks all workstations (maketable, pasta) for presence of appropriate small equipment, assembly materials, and stock levels.
- Monitors all food production areas for safety and sanitation practices and procedures. Checks for cleanliness and orderliness and provides direction/takes action as necessary.
- Sets up production cycles, ensure proper inventory levels are available, and calls to back up or replenish items as necessary.

**Delivery Driver (1)**

**Classification:** Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week  
**Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week**

**Department:** Operations  
**Reports To:** Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

**Summary of Responsibilities**  
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

**Essential Functions**

- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

**Other Functions**  
Performs other duties as assigned.

**Education/Experience**  
High school diploma preferred.

**Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills**  
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

**Physical and/or Medical Requirements**  
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

**Working Conditions**  
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

S P O R T S

Bradley beats Provodnikov by decision in thriller



AP

Ruslan Provodnikov, bottom, of Russia, slips in front of Timothy Bradley in the second round of a WBO welterweight title boxing match in Carson, Calif., Saturday, March 16, 2013.



**CARSON, Calif.** (AP)—Timothy Bradley went down in the first round and again in the last, getting battered in every corner of the chilly outdoor ring by an unheralded Russian opponent with none of Manny Pacquiao's reputation or esteem.

Bradley absorbed every shot and countered nearly every blow with punishment of his own, fighting on wobbly legs to a victory that should boost his reputation and career in a way that beating Pacquiao never did.

Bradley overcame an early round thrashing and a last-minute knockdown to win a narrow unanimous decision over Ruslan Provodnikov on Saturday night, defending his WBO welterweight belt in dramatic style.

With steam rising from his shaved head on a frigid Southern California night, Bradley (30-0) barely survived a thriller with the Freddie Roach-trained Provodnikov (22-2) in the champion's first bout since winning a much-debated split decision over Pacquiao last June.

Few fans believed that verdict - but nobody could doubt Bradley's heart now.

"I gave it everything I had," Bradley said. "Every ounce I had, I gave."

Bradley appeared to be out on his feet at times the opening two rounds against his Russian challenger, even tumbling to the canvas in a first-round fall that was ruled an accidental slip. Bradley then was forced to take a knee with 10 seconds left in the 12th round after one last barrage from Provodnikov.

But Bradley also punished Provodnikov with multiple shots all night, causing huge cuts and swelling on the face of the "Siberian Rocky," who excelled in the biggest fight of his career.

Judges Marty Denkin and

Jerry Cantu scored the bout 114-113 for Bradley, and Raul Caiz Sr. favored Bradley 115-112. The Associated Press also scored it 114-113 for Bradley on the strength of his middle-round dominance.

"He's much more powerful than Pacquiao," Bradley said. "He hits harder, and has shorter punches. He's a great puncher, and I take my hat off to him."

Bradley guessed he might have a concussion after absorbing dozens of big shots from Provodnikov, who pressed the action all night. Roach thought the ruling on Bradley's fall in the first round probably cost Provodnikov the decision, but praised both fighters' gutsy performances.

Provodnikov eagerly accepted this title shot after Cuba's Yuriorkis Gamboa turned it down. The aggressive Russian has been a sparring partner for Pacquiao at Roach's Wild Card Gym, but had never faced a fighter with Bradley's accomplishments.

"I was the clear winner," Provodnikov said through a translator. "I hurt him. I knocked him down. I don't know what else to do."

Bradley's tenacity and resourcefulness could redefine a fighter who got no credit for beating Pacquiao, the former pound-for-pound champion and global superstar. Few observers agreed with the two judges' decisive ruling in Las Vegas, and Bradley couldn't land a rematch with the Filipino congressman.

After beating Provodnikov with remarkable style, Bradley even might have won over his own promoter, Bob Arum.

"This is how the old-timers used to fight," said Arum, who ripped the Pacquiao decision last year. "You used to see these fights in the '50s and the '60s all the time. It's not only winning a fight in boxing. You have to be an attraction."

Bradley had a reputation as a headfirst, unexciting fighter with little power after stopping just one of his previous 11 opponents, but few decision victories in recent boxing history have been more spellbinding than the 12 rounds fought by Bradley and Provodnikov.

"He's going to be a world champion someday," Bradley said. "He's a very strong puncher because he steps into his punches and he hits really hard. It was a really difficult fight. I want to show him by those exchanges that I wasn't afraid of him. That's why I kept trading with him. I didn't want to show any fear. I can brawl and box with anyone."

The pro-Bradley crowd south of downtown Los Angeles was stunned when Provodnikov repeatedly rocked the champion in the first two rounds, leaving Bradley woozy and uncertain on his feet while the Russian whaled on him. Bradley didn't lose a point when he fell to the canvas in the first round in what appeared to be a knockdown missed by referee Pat Russell - and the champion appeared to be senseless on his feet again while Provodnikov pounded him into the ropes late in the second round.

"It was a very close fight," Roach said. "Bradley had some good rounds also, but I thought we had at least three 10-8 rounds in there. I can't complain about a close loss, but I felt that we had bigger punches."

Bradley finally got his legs in the third round and began fighting with more strategy and caution. It all disappeared again in the final minute of the sixth round, when Provodnikov tempted Bradley into a vicious brawl featuring dozens of punches with both hands from both fighters, leaving Bradley defiantly spitting blood while yelling at Provodnikov after the bell.

# Team USA ousted from WBC—a journeyman jolts ‘em



**TAMPA, Fla.** (AP)—Ryan Braun and Ryan Vogelsong are out, Team USA is ruined.

Either that, or a much simpler reason: a club loaded with big league All-Stars got jettisoned in the World Baseball Classic. For one night, a pitcher who is the very definition of a journeyman became the best pitcher in the universe.

“As an American, I wanted them to win. It’s surprising,” Cincinnati outfielder Jay Bruce said. “They had a great team out there, but that’s baseball.”

A day after Joe Mauer, Brandon Phillips and this latest U.S. team again failed to reach the championship game, there was plenty of talk around the sport about what Friday night’s 4-3 loss to Puerto Rico meant.

Some wondered whether the United States should put together an even more packed roster next time. Others say the U.S. has lost its hold on the game it invented. Many suggest the format of the tournament needs to be tweaked.

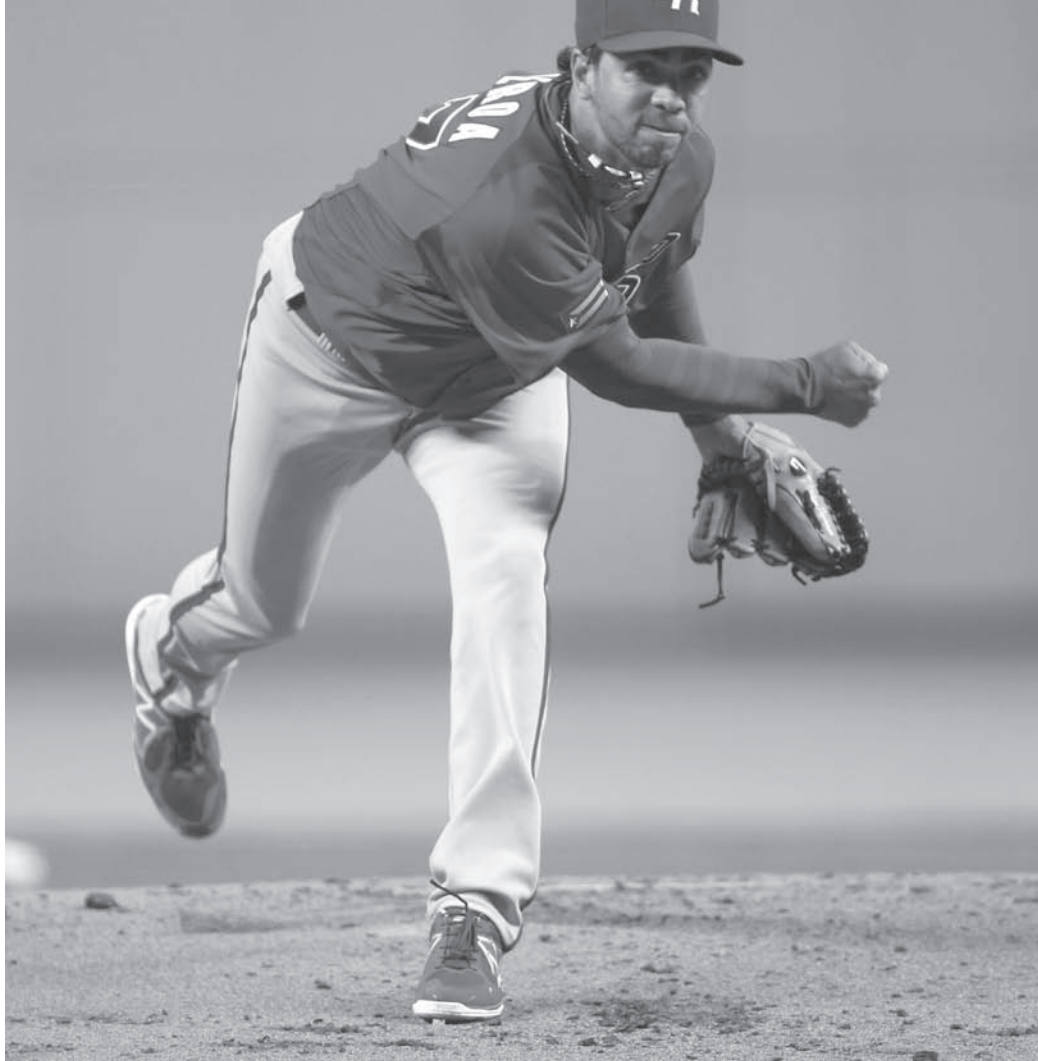
“It was a bit of an upset,” said Milwaukee infielder Taylor Green, who played for Canada in the WBC. “Both teams were good. But with one game in baseball, you just never know. It might have been different if it had been in the regular season.”

Whatever, there was only one thing for sure—Nelson Figueroa, who was born in Brooklyn and has pitched all over the globe, threw a fastball that never topped 88 mph and still put his team into the semifinals while eliminating manager Joe Torre’s side.

Defeated by the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico in Miami, the U.S. team watched those

Puerto Rico’s Nelson Figueroa delivers a pitch during the first inning of the second round elimination game of the World Baseball Classic against the United States, Friday, March 15, 2013 in Miami.

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two clubs advance to the finals. They’ll join two-time Japan, which doesn’t have a single major leaguer on its roster, and a surprising squad from the Netherlands starting Sunday in San Francisco.

For Team USA, it was a semi-familiar result—the club didn’t reach the semifinals for the initial WBC in 2006, then lost to Japan in the 2009 semis.

Netherlands manager Hens-

ley Meulens, with his unlikely semifinal club, figures attendance at AT&T Park for the last two rounds might take a hit without the Americans. He is thrilled to see baseball’s continued growth

worldwide, yet still considers the Americans the best team in the world despite their absence in this event again.

“I think it’s gotten to where Major League Baseball again is globalizing the game and you can’t tell who is going to be in the finals. The better teams who play better are going to be here,” Meulens said Saturday in San Francisco. “Teams have played better than the United States has played, no knock against them. But that’s the beauty of having competition within countries. To say they should be here? Maybe yes, but at this point they’re not.”

“The branching out of the MLB program to go overseas and then bring them back here to play tournaments like this, anybody can win,” Meulens said.

Nationals pitcher Ross Detwiler was back at spring camp Saturday, having pitched well earlier in the WBC.

“It was kind of cool getting my first-ever save, but it wasn’t enough to get to the championship round and that was the ultimate goal,” he said.

Vogelsong, the winning pitcher in Game 3 of the World Series last October, dismissed talk that his U.S. teammates treat these matchups merely as an extension of spring training.

“These games are intense. They mean a lot. There’s a lot of pride at stake. Being in the postseason and being here is very similar. It’s quite honestly the same. For people to think this is just an exhibition, that’s just false.”

Plus, the U.S. team had beaten Puerto Rico 7-1 three days earlier behind Gio Gonzalez.

It piques some fans that many top names were not on the roster. Justin Verlander, David

Price and Jered Weaver were among the best pitchers absent, while Mike Trout, Buster Posey and Josh Hamilton weren’t in the lineup.

That’s led many fans to say the timing of the tourney should be changed to somehow make it convenient for every star to take part.

But, the U.S. lineup against Figueroa featured three former MVPs—Mauer, Braun and Jimmy Rollins. The lone player in the starting nine who wasn’t an All-Star was Kansas City first baseman Eric Hosmer.

Hosmer grounded out with the bases loaded to end the eighth. Royals manager Ned Yost was glad Hosmer and other young players got to participate in the tournament.

“It gives them a chance to experience a high level of competition that you can’t get in a spring training or regular-season game,” Yost said.

Hosmer was a late replacement for Yankees star Mark Teixeira, who injured his wrist swinging a weighted bat. Mets third baseman David Wright also pulled out with a strain in his rib cage.

Despite worries about injuries in the WBC, what happened to Teixeira and Wright could’ve happened as easily in camp with their New York teams.

Instead, the final defeat had more to do with Figueroa.

The 38-year-old righty is 20-35 for six major league teams, and is currently in camp with Arizona on a minor league contract for his 19th pro season. He’s pitched in Mexico, Venezuela, Taiwan, the Dominican and Puerto Rico, has played in independent ball and has spent plenty of time on the waiver wire.

## Vikings sign Greg Jennings from rival Packers



**EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn.** (AP)—Greg Jennings spent seven years getting the best of the Minnesota Vikings secondary while playing for their bitter rivals in Green Bay.

No longer feeling as important to the Packers after two seasons shortened by injuries, Jennings crossed the border and found a team that welcomed him with desperately open arms.

Jennings signed a five-year contract with the Vikings on Friday, leaving Aaron Rodgers and that high-octane passing offense in Green Bay for the unproven Christian Ponder and the ground-and-pound Vikings.

The 29-year-old Jennings played in only eight games for the Packers in 2012, plus two in the playoffs, because of a torn lower abdominal muscle and finished with a career-low 366 yards receiving with an average of 10.2 yards per catch, also his worst NFL total.

In 2011, he missed three games with a sprained left knee. He said he felt lost in the shuffle behind younger Packers receiv-

ers such as James Jones, Jordy Nelson and Randall Cobb and sounded determined to prove that his best years are not behind him.

“I can definitely still do it,” said Jennings, who will turn 30 on Sept. 21. “I can definitely still make plays and be as exciting as I was in my earlier years.”

Then he caught himself and chuckled.

“I am not old,” he said. “I am 29 years old!”

If this story of a high-profile Packers player joining the Vikings sounds familiar, that’s because it is. Safety Darren Sharper, kicker Ryan Longwell and, of course, quarterback Brett Favre defected before him.

“I’m not the first Packers player to jump on this side,” he said with a smile.

Like the others, Jennings will be counted on to fill a gaping hole in Minnesota. The Vikings were in dire need of a No. 1 receiver after trading Percy Harvin to Seattle last week. Even when Harvin was in purple, Ponder had yet to play with a true game-breaker on the outside.

“You can just get a sense that he needed a little more around him to give him some help,” Jennings said. “Hopefully I can help him a little bit.”

Looking to give his young quarterback as much help as possible to truly evaluate his ability to be a building block for the franchise into the future, Vikings general manager Rick Spielman went against his philosophy of spending big money on outside free agents to get Jennings locked up. ESPN first reported the deal, which includes \$18 million in guaranteed money and up to \$47 million total.

“I’m a very strong believer in building through the draft,” Spielman said. “But every once in a while something unique will come about that you just want to make sure that you can get accomplished to get that player here.”

The two-time Pro Bowl pick will immediately be the leader of a non-descript group that includes Jerome Simpson, who is coming off an injury-plagued 2012 season, and second-year slot receiver Jarius Wright. Jen-

nings will be counted on not only to help Ponder but the teammates at his position, including any rookies they draft next month.

The transition from a former league MVP in Aaron Rodgers to the still-developing Ponder won’t be easy. Jennings spoke highly of his time in Green Bay, where he was drafted in the second round in 2006 and spent seven years catching passes from Favre and Rodgers.

He spoke honestly about the hesitation of playing with a quarterback who has been wildly inconsistent in his first two years in the league. So he sat down and watched some video of the Vikings from last season.

“I had to watch Christian,” Jennings said. “I had to see what I was giving myself into. Very athletic quarterback, obviously his upside, his future is bright. I saw a young guy that was maturing.”

What Jennings does have now that he never did in Green Bay, however, is an All-Pro running back. A league MVP, in fact, Adrian Peterson finished last season 9 yards short of breaking

Eric Dickerson’s single-season rushing record.

Jennings has admired Peterson from the other side for years, never more so than in 2012 when he watched Peterson come back from a torn ACL in his left knee to carry the Vikings offense into the playoffs last season.

“You see a guy like ‘All Day’ sitting in that backfield and you see the cluster of guys that are gathered in that box for him, it’s going to be some special things taking place,” Jennings said, smiling again.

Widely praised as a respected locker room presence who relished charitable work in the Green Bay community, Jennings will certainly be a breath of fresh air in Minnesota off the field as well.

One of the main reasons the Vikings parted with Harvin was the trouble the volatile 24-year-old would occasionally cause behind the scenes. That probably won’t be an issue with Jennings.

“He’s as great player,” Ponder said of Jennings earlier this week. “He’s been doing great things in Green Bay, and he’d bring leadership to that position. Kind of a dynamic guy you

can put in the slot and outside. I’ve always admired his work in Green Bay, and he seems like a great guy to have on a team.”

Said coach Leslie Frazier: “We’re really excited about the fact that he brings high character. He’s a tremendous athlete. We all know that. But what he’ll bring to our locker room, the energy that he’ll bring to what we do at practice along with his leadership, those were all qualities we were looking for when we talked with Greg.”

Jennings dined with Frazier, Spielman, offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave and defensive end Jared Allen at a downtown steakhouse on Thursday night before the two sides got down to business on Friday.

Jennings said he and his wife quickly felt as if they were part of a family. The Vikings were the only team he visited, and he said he had an inkling on his way to Minnesota that this would be where he ended up.

“I definitely wanted to know that they wanted me,” he said. “I wanted to feel that they wanted me to be a part of what they were doing and a part of the future. And I got that feeling early and I got that feeling quite often.”

# Hawes, Holiday leads 76ers past Pacers, 98-91

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Spencer Hawes had 18 points and career highs with 16 rebounds and seven blocked shots to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 98-91 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night.

Jrue Holiday added 27 points and 12 assists to help the Sixers win for only the third time in 15 games. While the Sixers are one of the worst road teams in the league, they are 19-17 at home.

The Sixers led by one at the end of the third quarter, then opened the fourth on a 19-4 run to put away the Pacers. Evan Turner and Thaddeus Young each contributed some lead-stretching buckets in the fourth to put all five starters in double figures.

Roy Hibbert had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers.

## Celtics 105, Bobcats 88

In Boston, Paul Pierce had 14 points, eight assists and six rebounds before sitting out the fourth quarter, and Boston won its 11th straight at home.

Avery Bradley scored 13 and Courtney Lee had 12 points and five assists as the Celtics beat the Bobcats for the first time in three meetings this season. Two of the Bobcats' NBA-low 14 wins came against the Celtics,

► Philadelphia 76ers' Spencer Hawes (00) shoots past Indiana Pacers' David West during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, March 16, 2013, in Philadelphia.

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including a 100-74 blowout in Charlotte on Tuesday.

Kevin Garnett sat out with a strained left thigh muscle, but the Celtics put all five starters were in double figures.

Jannerro Pargo led Charlotte with 18 points. Gerald Henderson had 16 points, Kemba Walker scored 14 and Josh McRoberts pulled down 10 rebounds for the Bobcats, who lost for the 12th time in 13 games. Charlotte's only win during that stretch was Tuesday against the Celtics, when Pierce rested.

## Spurs 119, Cavaliers 113

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 30 points and 12 rebounds, Kawhi Leonard added 24 points and 13 boards, and San Antonio beat Cleveland.

Manu Ginobili added 14 points and 10 assists, Nando De Colo had 11 points and Tiago Splitter had 10 for San Antonio (51-16), which is 1 1/2 games ahead of Oklahoma City in the Western Conference.

Wayne Ellington had 21 points and fellow reserve Marreese Speights added 19 for Cleveland (22-44). Shaun Livingston had 16 points, and Alonzo Gee and Dion Waiters added 15 apiece.

## Wizards 127, Suns 105

In Washington, Martell Webster scored a career-high 34 points and became Washington's first 30-point scorer this season.

John Wall added 17 points and 11 assists as Washington won its fourth straight at home and third straight overall while setting its

season high in scoring.

Emeka Okafor added 17 points and 10 rebounds as Washington snapped a 10-game losing streak to Phoenix, dating to 2006.

Michael Beasley scored 21 points and Goran Dragic added 12 points and 11 assists as the Suns lost their fourth straight and fell into last place in the Western Conference.

## Jazz 90, Grizzlies 84

In Salt Lake City, Gordon Hayward scored 17 points in his first start since November, including a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left, and Utah beat Memphis.

The Grizzlies (44-21) had won 14 of 15 but have dropped two straight to close out a four-game road trip.

Utah (34-32) pulled within a half-game of the idle Lakers for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Jerryd Bayless led all scorers with 24 points. Memphis teammate Zach Randolph added 19 and Mike Conley 13 but on just 6-of-18 shooting.

## Trail Blazers 112, Pistons 101

In Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge had 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Portland handed Detroit its eighth straight loss.

Rodney Stuckey had a season-high 32 points for the Pistons, who have yet to win a game in March. They've lost 11 of their last 12.

J.J. Hickson had 18 points and 15 rebounds and all of Portland starters were in double figures.

Will Bynum had 23 points off the bench for Detroit.

# Leonard in 3-way tie for the lead at Innisbrook

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**PALM HARBOR, Florida** (AP)—Justin Leonard walked toward the 12th green Saturday at Innisbrook and saw a scoreboard that showed he was tied for the lead in the Tampa Bay Championship. He knocked in his 8-foot birdie putt, assumed he was ahead, and then never looked at another board the rest of the day.

He might do the same Sunday.

There's no point in staring at scores, not with so many names separated by so few shots. Besides, the Copperhead course at Innisbrook is playing so difficult even in pleasant weather that it's best not to think about anything except the next shot.

"It is hard," Leonard said after his 4-under 67 put him in a three-way tie for the lead with Kevin Streelman and George Coetzee of South Africa. "There's not a whole lot of birdie holes on those last six holes. With the greens getting firmer and faster as they did today—which I'm sure they will again tomorrow. You have to be pretty patient out there and really pick your spots pretty carefully."

Adam Scott and K.J. Choi set the tone early for this wild day by going into full retreat.

That allowed for a game of musical chairs at the top of the leaderboard, with nothing remotely close to being settled going into the final day. Sixteen players were separated by only three shots at a tournament where the winner has come from behind to win in four of the last five years.

Streelman finished his 6-under 65 nearly three hours before the last group walked off the 18th green.

"I wanted to get to 6 under today," Streelman said. "I had that number in my mind to at least have a chance going into tomorrow, so I was happy to get there."

He had no idea at the time he would all the way to the top of the leaderboard.

Leonard ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn and had the lead to himself before a bogey from the bunker on the 15th. Coetzee bounced back from his lone bogey with a birdie on the rowdy 17th hole, where Hooters waitresses serve wings in the grandstands. That gave him a 68.

They were tied at 6-under 207, more evidence that the Copperhead course is perhaps the most complete test in Florida. Even on a warm, breezy afternoon, it was easier to go backward than to move away from the field.

Scott and Choi were proof of that.

Scott had a two-putt birdie on the opening hole to briefly take the lead, and that was the highlight of his day. He three-putted from about 15 feet for bogey on third, made bogey with a wedge in his hand on the par-5 fifth hole and stumbled to a 76. Choi, who also was one shot out of the lead, didn't make a birdie in his round of 76.

They still were only five shots out of the lead.

Shawn Stefani, the 31-year-old rookie who led by one, had a 74 and still was only two shots behind. His day could have been much worse except for a tee shot that caromed off a tree and into the fairway on the second hole, and a big hook on the third that hit the tire of a golf cart and stayed in play. Instead of hitting his third shot from the tee, he could reach the green for

a two-putt par.

The group one shot out of the lead included 2010 winner Jim Furyk (67) and Ben Kohles (69), the Virginia grad who last summer went from college to two straight wins on the Web.com Tour to earn a spot in the big leagues.

Defending champion Luke Donald had a 67 and was only two shots behind at 4-under 209, along with 19-year-old Jordan Spieth of Texas, who is coming off a runner-up finish in Puerto Rico and can be set for the year on the PGA Tour the rest of the year depending on how he plays Sunday.

He looks as if he's good enough to win.

The group at 3 under included Harris English, in a tie for the lead on the front nine until he stumbled to a 73, and Sergio Garcia, who never looked happy and sounded even worse on his way to a 72.

English is among 12 players from the top 16 who are not yet eligible for the Masters, and a win on Sunday would take care of that.

Leonard has gone 122 starts on the PGA Tour over nearly

he was given to the Puerto Rico Open, and that worked out well. "My focus had been on the Web.com," he said. "Now my focus is out there. It's a nice change."

But he's thinking more about the top of the leaderboard than how much money he needs to earn this week, and he has just as good of a chance as anyone. Spieth showed his shot making with a 6-iron out of the trees that led to 12-foot birdie on the 16th.

"That wasn't a smart shot," he said with a smile.

Coetzee is part of a group of young South Africans who have worked their way into the top 50 in the world, and he'll make his Masters debut next month. The best part about a chance to win is getting his PGA Tour card.

He was flirting with the cut line with nine holes to play Friday until a 32 on the back nine, and then a solid round today. Coetzee is still finding his way in America, uncertain about the courses and not knowing the faces that go with the names.

"Golf is golf," he said. "Doesn't matter where you play, everybody still gets to the golf course, and nobody knows what's going to happen."

That could be especially true Sunday.

# FIELDERS

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## SATURDAY JUNIOR DIVISION Lions 12, Falcons 11

Both teams moved around two runs out of the gate and it remained a 6-all deadlock after the second inning.

Logan Martin led the Falcons from the plate early on with a pair of runs batted in, while Jesse Kalen and Ben Maratita carried the torch for the Lions with a pair of RBIs apiece.

Then after a quiet third frame, Kagman nosed out an 8-7 favor thanks to some costly errors out on the field by Talaabwogh. The Falcons also scored its run off an error in the top side of the fourth inning.

Both teams came up empty in the fifth exchange and the Lions’ top of the order whipped up four clutch runs in the top of the sixth off four hits, which included a two-RBI base rip by Maratita.

The Falcons responded with one run in the bottom frame, and threatened with a three-run rally in the final stand, but the Lions held strong on the field to secure the win.

Lions’ Perry Celis batted 4-for-4 for four runs, three stolen bases, and a hit-by-pitch. Ton Ilo batted 2-for-3 for an RBI, four runs, a base on balls, a hit by pitch, and a stolen base, while Maratita salvaged four RBIs off just two hits.

## SENIOR DIVISION Lions 5, Hunters 4

The Hunters clung to a 2-1 lead after the second inning, scoring off an early error and an RBI single by Jonathan Cabrera.

They added a run later in the fourth inning after a one out

walk, a base hit, and a wild pitch scored Jequeen Greenman and then led it, 4-0, after five frames after a pair of base pokes by Larry Sebaklim and Jerald Cabrera.

The Lions finally awoke, however, in the last two exchanges and managed to pull out an impressive comeback.

Paul Celis doubled home Justin Santos, who led off the sixth inning with a walk, and scored soon after off a wild pitch and a pair of lead of walks to start the final inning of regulation came back to haunt the Hunters.

Lions’ J.P. Taitano drew the first pass and scored off a wild pitch and teammate Catalina Cruz worked out a walk and later scored what was the winning run off a huge RBI single by Santos.

Lions pitcher Cedric Ada returned to the mound at the start of the fifth inning after dealing the first two frames of the match and kept the win intact by holding the Hunters at first and second base in the final stand to secure the save.

Lions’ Jerald Cabrera batted 3-for-4 for an RBI and a run. Jonathan Cabrera went 2-for-3 for an RBI.

## Fielders 10, Enforcers 3

After both teams grinded out a run in the opening frame the Fielders trotted ahead, 5-1, off four hits in the second inning, which included an RBI single for Jerry Kintol and an RBI triple for Kainoa Wanket.

IT&E then added three more runs in the third inning off a lead off hit, a couple of walks, and a sacrifice ground ball to the right side by Wanket. Gayvan Uchau and Cody Kaipat both scored off wild pitches in the mix.

The Enforcers managed to cross the plate one time in the

bottom portion off a fielder’s choice by Darion Jones and converted its final score in the bottom of the fifth inning off an RBI single by nine other than Jones again, but the Fielders got both runs back in the last two frames.

The first came in the sixth inning from Wanket, who bashed a leadoff double and scored off an error, while the other run occurred off a sacrifice fly by Mike Gabionza that plated Joe Guerrero.

Winning pitcher Cody Kaipat went all seven innings and gave up two earned runs off four hits, five walks, and a trio of hit batsmen with four strikeouts.

Wanket batted 4-for-5 for two RBIs and three runs.

## THURSDAY BIG DIVISION Fielders 6, Braves 1

The Braves scored its lone run in the very first inning from Peter Lieto who hustled out an error and was escorted home off a triple by Greg Iskawa.

The Fielders got the run back right away in the bottom portion, however, from Patrick Tenorio who cracked a leadoff

single and scored off an error.

IT&E pitcher Joe Atalig settled down on the mound after the early hiccup and went on to blank the Braves for the next six frames.

In fact, Atalig went on to pitch what turned out to be a two-hit gem with zero walks and 11 strikeouts.

His teammates rewarded his effort by taking the lead in the second inning, 3-1, off a couple of early errors followed by an RBI single for Tenorio. Steven Aguon also bagged an RBI in the mix.

IT&E then added another run in the third inning off an RBI base knock by Davy Matagolai and moved around its last two runs in the fourth inning off two hits and a sacrifice fly by Leroy Regis. Quinson Blas singled on and stole home in the mix as well.

IT&E’s Tenorio batted 3-for-4 for an RBI and two runs. Matagolai went 2-for-3 for an RBI and a run.

## Ol’Aces 16, Rays 2

Ol’Aces barreled ahead, 5-0, right away off a couple hits, four

series. Its second stringers accounted for 17 points in the finale and proved to be a factor in both of the team’s finals wins as Angie’s Boys routinely leaned on its three-headed monster made of Fernando, Manglona, and Ralph Francisco.

**R-Rebels 61** – Litulumar 11, S. Deleon Guerrero 10, Mettao 9, E. Camacho 7, Norita 7, Nawaz 6, W. Camacho 5, Pua 4, Nakayama 2.

**Angie’s Boys 58** – Fernando 17, Francisco 14, Manglona 11, Caro 8, Maranan 7, Yap 1

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-18, 27-29, 45-41, 61-58.

ing in at 1:45:46, 1:147:39, and 1:46:109, respectively. The trio then left the bike-run transition area at AMP together and tried catching up with Slack and failed despite Wasle’s best run split time in the women’s field (1:02:45). The Austrian managed to pull away from Carey and Gray, as they entered the Garapan section of the run leg going to Beach Road. Slack recorded the second fastest run split time in the women’s division with her 1:03:23.

“It was another good race for me. No crash, so I am happy with my runner-up results,”said Wasle, who was also runner-up to Slack in XTERRA.

Carey, who was third last year, dropped to fourth, but managed to eclipsed her time last year (3:24:05), clocking in at 3:23:00. Gray took the third spot with her 3:20:41, Bucher finished fourth at 3:29:14, while Parker (3:29:23) and Nibun (3:33:18) placed sixth and seventh, respectively.

“It was a perfect race under a perfect weather. I was happy to see old friends cheering me on the road,” said Carey, a former Saipan pro who is now representing Guam.

walks, and an error in the first inning and then added another run off back-to-back singles by Jonah Flores and Jun Rabauliman in the second frame.

The Ol’Aces later added another couple runs in the fourth inning off a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by Jake Flores and went ahead, 9-0, in the fifth inning when Dave Hosono singled on and stole the dish.

The Rays’ lone two runs came in the top of the sixth in-

ning, just before the Ol’Aces slammed the door with a final seven-run surge off five hits, which included RBI singles for T.J. Sablan and Hosono and a two-RBI base smash by Rabauliman. Two other runs came in off an error and a wild pitch.

Rabauliman batted 4-for-5 for a three RBIs and a run. Lancaster Secharmidal swung 2-for-3 for three runs and a base on ball. Jonah Flores went 3-for-5 for three runs and a stolen base.

With the win, Pacific Stars faces the seeded Docomo Pacific in the first semis game tonight at 8:30pm.

## First Game

**Maplas 65** – Aniciete 14, R. Usi 14, Morales 10, Aguilar 8, Odicta 6, San Nicolas 4, Rivera 4.

**JWS 63** – Bisana 28, Capalad 17, Echavez 6, Buenabajo 6, Saplan 4, Lagado 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 6-19, 24-33, 44-54, 65-53.

## Second Game

**Pacific Stars 86** – Estolas 37, Lauron 14, Diaz 14, Babauta 8, Tenorio 7, Mallari 4.

**Chinatown 69** – Teregeyo 20, Basa 19, Lizama 12, Quizon 2, Avila 2, William 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-18, 44-36, 69-51, 86-69.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	25	.603	—
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	1
Boston	36	29	.554	3
Toronto	26	40	.394	13 1/2
Philadelphia	25	40	.385	14

Southeast Division

x-Miami	50	14	.781	—
Atlanta	36	29	.554	14 1/2
Washington	23	42	.354	27 1/2
Orlando	18	48	.273	33
Charlotte	14	52	.212	37

Central Division

Indiana	40	26	.606	—
Chicago	36	29	.554	3 1/2
Milwaukee	32	32	.500	7
Detroit	23	45	.338	18
Cleveland	22	44	.333	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

x-San Antonio	51	16	.761	—
Memphis	44	21	.677	6
Houston	36	30	.545	14 1/2
Dallas	31	34	.477	19
New Orleans	22	44	.333	28 1/2

Northwest Division

x-Oklahoma City	49	17	.742	—
Denver	45	22	.672	4 1/2
Utah	34	32	.515	15
Portland	31	34	.477	17 1/2
Minnesota	22	41	.349	25 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	45	21	.682	—
Golden State	37	30	.552	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	35	32	.522	10 1/2
Sacramento	23	43	.348	22
Phoenix	22	45	.328	23 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	66	593	561	1865	28.3
Anthony, NYK	52	487	332	1432	27.5
Bryant, LAL	67	640	415	1813	27.1
James, MIA	64	641	333	1700	26.6

Harden, HOU

Westbrook, OKC

Irving, CLE

Curry, GOL

Wade, MIA

Parker, SAN

Aldridge, POR

Ellis, MIL

Lillard, POR

Lee, GOL

Lopez, Bro

Holiday, PHL

Griffin, LAC

Pierce, BOS

Jennings, MIL

Gay, TOR

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	245	380	.645
Jordan, LAC	246	396	.621
Koufos, DEN	253	412	.614
Splitter, SAN	263	450	.584
Ibaka, OKC	362	633	.572
McGee, DEN	251	441	.569
Howard, LAL	365	642	.569
Hickson, POR	347	612	.567
Johnson, TOR	272	481	.565
James, MIA	641	1154	.555

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT
AVG				
Howard, LAL	61	205	552	757 12.4
Asik, HOU	66	224	551	775 11.7
Randolph, MEM	59	253	432	685 11.6
Noah, CHI	61	251	451	702 11.5
Vucevic, ORL	66	225	529	754 11.4
Lee, GOL	64	184	529	713 11.1
Chandler, NYK	62	260	422	682 11.0
Hickson, POR	64	226	461	687 10.7
Hortford, ATL	62	166	461	627 10.1
Cousins, SAC	60	186	411	597 10.0

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	54	518	9.6
Vasquez, NOR	66	620	9.4
Holiday, PHL	61	533	8.7
Williams, Bro	62	474	7.6
Westbrook, OKC	66	503	7.6
Parker, SAN	56	426	7.6
Nelson, ORL	49	368	7.5
Calderon, DET	65	477	7.3
James, MIA	64	456	7.1

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# Bucher, Marceau lead special awardees



Participants in PIC Double (XTERRA and Tagaman) pose for a group photo during the award ceremony for last Saturday's 24th Tagaman Triathlon at the Pacific Islands Club.

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Former XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman champions Renata Bucher and Olivier Marceau faltered on their title bids this year, but were still recognized for their support to the Saipan Sportsfest.

Bucher was cited and re-

ceived a gift certificate from Hyatt Regency Saipan for joining the annual festivities for the ninth time. Bucher holds an unprecedented seven XTERRA Saipan crowns (sixth in a row) and owns two Tagaman plums.

"I love this island and its people. I kept coming back here because of the people's great hospitality. The volunteers are really helpful and the organizers are great," said Bucher in a brief

speech last Saturday night during the awards banquet for the 24th Tagaman Triathlon.

Marceau dominated XTERRA Saipan for three straight years (2005-2007), missed the Saipan Sportsfest for four straight years, but joined the last two editions of the competitions. He shared Bucher's views, saying the host's warm hospitality makes him return to the island.

"I love it here. This is a beau-

tiful island to race and the people are so warm," Marceau said.

The two former champions were also honored for doing the PIC Double (XTERRA and Tagaman) with more than 10 other individuals. Others who completed the PIC Double were couples Jacqui Slack and Ben Allen, Rory Downie, Aleksandr Dorovskikh, De Un Den, Miek Carey, Manny Sitchon, Brad Ruszala, Peri Gray, Daz Parker, Carina Wasle, Ayshalyn Perez, Alan Moore, and Tyce Mister.

Mister got another recognition when he was selected as Powerade's top Saipan athlete for placing in the Top 3 in both the Tagaman and XTERRA Saipan. In Tagaman, he was runner-up in the 45 to 49 age group after clocking in at 3:52:36 and in XTERRA Saipan, the multi-sport athlete also finished second with a time of 4:11:33.

Korea's Yu Hun Park joined Mister and age group winner Haruo Yamakawa of Japan in the Top 3 in Tagaman and the former was also honored in the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club. The Korean was recognized for competing in 17 of the 24 editions of the oldest triathlon event in the Western Pacific. The 49-year-old Park finished last Saturday's Tagaman under four hours, submitting 3:55:58.

Meanwhile, age group winners in the championship and sport courses of Tagaman and the relays will be reported later this week.

## Maplas, Pacific Stars enter semis

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Maplas La Mani and Pacific Stars booked semis tickets in the 2013 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League after recording contrasting wins at the start of the playoff round last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In Division B, Maplas pulled off a come-from-behind 65-63 win over JWS, while Pacific Stars whipped Chinatown in Division A playoffs, 86-69.

Gerald Anicete delivered the winning baskets for Maplas, which recovered from a 13-point deficit in the first quarter to take the third semis slot and arrange a Final Four duel against the undefeated Adobo tonight at 6:30pm.

Anicete canned three pressure-packed free throws to lift Maplas to the 2-point win. His first two charities came after he collared the offensive board off Dennis Morales miss and put Maplas on top by a hair, 64-63, with less than 30 seconds left on the clock.

AJWS botched offense on the other end returned possession to Maplas and Anicete stepped on the 15-foot line anew after getting another foul in the paint. He missed the first free throw, but made the second one to up their lead to a deuce, 65-63, with 11



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Pacific Stars' Dexter Tenorio is hemmed in by Chinatown's Peter Lizama during their playoff game in Division A of the DLX/Anchor Strong caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

seconds remaining in the game.

JWS attempted to win the match outright with White Capalad pulling up from downtown twice, but he missed both shots, completing the team's collapse and handing Maplas a slot to the next round.

Anicete and Rommel Usi top-scored for Maplas with their 14 points apiece, while Cecilio Bisana paced JWS with his game-high 28 markers.

In the Division A playoffs, Pacific Stars dominated Chinatown in the second half to cruise to the 17-point victory.

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## Brewers, Fielders bag lopsided wins

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The Tan Holdings Brewers and IT&E Fielders picked up a couple of dominating victories over separate opponents as the 2013 season of the Saipan Major League continued last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Field.

The third place Brew Crew skunked St. Michael's Medical Response Angels (1-4), 14-0, on Wednesday to improve its win-loss card to 3-2, while IT&E (4-2) retained its second place ranking after shellacking the reeling D-9ers (0-5), 28-5, in seven innings last Friday.

The season continues tonight at 6:30pm at Tan Ko Field when undefeated reigning champion Saipan Steve-dore Co. Northern Yankees (5-0) take on the D-9ers.

### WEDNESDAY Brewers 14, Angels 0

The Brewers broke the ice in the first inning with two runs built off three hits and a fielder's choice, which included an RBI triple for Jun Rabauliman and an RBI base hit by Manny Sablan.

The team then trotted in front, 6-0, in the second inning off another four hits. Jared Sablan then doubled in Ton Guerrero before scoring off an error,



Tan Holdings Brewers' Manny Sablan, seen in this file photo from a previous 2013 Saipan Major League matchup, batted 4-for-4 for four RBIs in Wednesday's 14-0 shutout victory over St. Michael's Medical Response Angels at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Field.

while Manny Sablan collected another RBI single. Rabauliman singled on and made his own way to the dish as well.

Brewers pitcher Vince Cepeda was on point last Wednesday and cut through the Angels entire lineup in the first rotation.

He then managed to hold the Angels at first and second base in the fourth inning and his teammates went on to add three more runs to close the fifth off a trio of hits that awarded Jared Sablan with an RBI single and Rabauliman an RBI double.

The Brewers' last five runs all came in the sixth inning off an early error followed by three hits and a pair of walks. Nokki Saralu busted a two-RBI double

that was followed with a two-RBI single for Manny Sablan.

Winning pitcher Cepeda dominated St. Michael's from the hump and dealt a three-hit shutout with a walk, a pair of hit batsman, and eight strikeouts through seven innings.

Manny Sablan swung 4-for-4 for four RBIs and a hit-by-pitch. Rabauliman and Jared Sablan both batted 3-for-4 for two RBIs and two runs.

### FRIDAY Fielders 28, D-9ers 5

The Fielders buried the D-9ers out of the gate and tallied nine runs in the very first inning off five hits and four errors.

Juan Maratita bagged an RBI single, Jordan Pangelinan a two-

RBI double, leadoff man John Reyes picked up a two-RBI triple on his second at bat, and Shane Mendiola grounded home a run, while the other runs made it in off errors. The D-9ers went 1-2-3 in the bottom portion.

IT&E then added four more runs in the second inning off three hits and some more errors. Zack Flores picked up an RBI triple and Marvin Ngeskebei an RBI single, while the other runs scored off an error and a wild pitch.

The D-9ers kept IT&E at second and third base in the third inning and held them to just one run in the top of the fourth, but only managed to put up three runs in the bottom side.

IT&E trudged forward, 19-4, after the fifth inning as more errors continued to haunt the D-9ers and things just went from bad to worse as the Fielders went on to add nine more in what turned out to be the last two innings.

John Reyes batted 5-for-5 for four RBIs, four runs, a pair of bases on balls and a stolen base. All 12 IT&E players crossed the plate at least once.

Notably, a couple of interesting antics took place during the game, which included D-9ers manager Bob Lizama being ejected in the top of the second inning, likely due to frustration after his team's rocky start. Then later in the sixth inning, D-9ers' coach Roman Reyes submitted a protest against IT&E for a uniform violation. The decision on the protest is still pending.

## Yamagishi is CWGA March ace

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Delores "Doll" Yamagishi was deemed the CNMI Women's Golfers Association's Ace of the Month winner for March after conclusion of the club's monthly event last March 9 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course.

The win gained Yamagishi admittance into the group's two-day season-ending final tournament scheduled for April 13 and April 14 at the Kagman golf course.

Yamagishi started off with a 47 after completing the first nine holes and finished up the backside with a 43 for an even gross tally of 90 that calculated into a field-low net score of 73. A total of 19 participants made up the field.

Two strokes back came Gil Ah Kim and Yoo Boon Soon who both finished with net totals of 75.

Kim scratched down a pair of 46s on the front and back for a gross count of 92, while Soon penciled in a 48 on the front and followed it up with a 47 on the back for a stroke total of 95.

Notably, Jeon Me Ae (42/40) and Noriko Togawa (44/38) turned in matching gross lows of 82, though they settled for fifth (76 net) and eighth (78 net) place finishes, respectively.

April's opening round repre-

sents the last chance for players still vying for a berth into the final round of the 2012 season. Show time for both rounds is set at 12:30pm with a 1:30pm tee off.

Prizes are up for grabs to the overall point system winners as well as the top overall gross and net scorers.

Other raffle prizes will also be handed out to members during the group's awards banquet, which will be held this year at Fiesta Resort & Spa on April 14 at 6pm. Guest admittance is set at \$20 per extra head.

Established in 2007, the CWGA is a non-profit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI. The CWGA utilizes a standard net score format, where a predetermined point system is tallied during the season.

First place is awarded 15 points, in addition to a bid into the two-day Ace of Aces Championship, while 14 points goes to second and so on down through the Top 10 place finishers. The remaining participants each reach one point. Its season traditionally starts in May and ends in April.

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## Allen, Slack top Tagaman



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Left, Australia's Ben Allen heads down the elbow road in Marpi during the 60K bike race, while Great Britain's Jacqui Slack, right, smiles as she nears the finish line of last Saturday's 24th Tagaman Triathlon.

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**B**en Allen and his girlfriend Jacqui Slack did it again, ruling the 24th Tagaman Triathlon last Saturday.

Allen and Slack, who had a double celebration on March 9 after winning both the men's and women's titles in the 2013 XTER-RA Saipan Championship, swept the division crowns in the last weekend's race to complete their domination of the 2013 Saipan Sportsfest.

While Allen cruised to victory in XTER-RA, ahead by about eight minutes against Dan Hugo of South Africa in last Saturday's Tagaman, the Aussie pro had to face and survive a tough challenge from

Scotland's Rory Downie. Allen and Downie were neck-and-neck after the swim and bike legs before the Aussie managed to get some distance at the 2-kilometer mark of the run leg that started and ended at the American Memorial Park and brought runners to as far as the Oleai Beach.

Allen went on to complete the 2-kilometer swim, 60K bike, and 15K run in 2:51:16, just less than four minutes ahead of Downie (2:54:39).

"Rory really forced me to work hard out there. He put

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## R-Rebels reign supreme in 3rd Blue Haus caging

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The Refaluwasch Rebels defeated Angie's Boys, 61-58, and were declared the champion of Blue Haus' 3rd Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The team is comprised of Edwin and William Camacho, Rainier and Shane DeLeon Guerrero, Miggy Iguel, Fred Litulumar, Frank Mettao, Y.J. Nakayama, Omar Nawaz, Roy Norita, Jimmy Pua, and John Santy along with head coach Joe Diaz.

They were presented with trophies during a brief awards ceremony held immediately after the game.

Litulumar was chosen as the most valuable player in the final series, while his mentor Diaz took home best coach honors.

Other awardees included regular season MVP Ralph Francisco of Angie's Boys and Best Uniform winner Servitek.

It was a tight game befitting a championship right from the get-go.

Angie's Boys point guard



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The Refaluwasch Rebels pose for a team photo with their championship trophies after the conclusion of Blue Haus' 3rd Invitational Basketball League final series last Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Fernando weaseled his way through the lane for 8 points in the first period to help give his team an early 18-14 lead.

The team then managed to cling to a 29-27 favor at halftime as Fernando and teammate Eugene Manglona converted a couple of baskets apiece in the second quarter to pace the squad.

Knowing that that its rivals were built for run-and-gun attacks in transition, the R-Rebels

stuck to its game plan of imposing a physical battle in hopes to slow them down.

The R-Rebels began to see results of its strategy shortly into the third quarter as they turned the tables on Angie's Boys and nosed ahead, 45-41, heading into the playoff period.

The R-Rebels did a god job of controlling the pace of the game and as a bonus for the team, Angie's Boys' Fernando fouled out with eight minutes

left in regulation.

Angie's Boys did not wilt however and remained right on the heels of the eventual champions, and even had a chance to force overtime in the final seconds, but could not execute a catch and release 3-pointer on the fly.

Ezra Caro came off the bench in the clutch for Angie's Boys for 8 huge points that gave them a chance to swipe the title, but

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## Fielders, Lions muster victories

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IT&E's Junior and Big League Fielders and Kagman's Junior and Senior Lions all prevailed in Saipan Little League's recent upper division matchups at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

IT&E's Big League Fielders overcame the Natibu Sports Association Braves, 6-1, on Thursday and its Senior League counterparts triumphed over the DARE Program Enforcers, 10-3, on Saturday.

Last Saturday also saw Rep.

Antonio Agulto's Junior Lions outlasting the Talaabwoh Stars Association's Falcons, 12-11, and Rep. Lorenzo DeLeon Guerrero's Senior pride survive the Hunters, 5-4.

In addition, Docomo Pacific's Big League Ol'Aces pummeled Rachel Q. Reyes' Rays, 16-2, in six innings last Thursday.

The 2013 season continues at the Tan Ko field tomorrow with Big League action starting at 5pm with Paradise Island Animal Hospital Padres squaring off against the NSA Braves followed at 6:30pm by IT&E versus the LEEP Program Enforcers.

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IT&E Fielders third baseman Khobby Kaipat catches a DARE Program Enforcers runner in a rundown during Saturday's Senior League matchup held at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Field.